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Early voting start has 'good turnout'

Voters wait in line outside the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday during the start of the seven-day early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. The multi-purpose center is the designated polling site of early voting on Saipan and the Northern Islands.
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The start of the seven-day early voting on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota drew many voters to the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday, with many lining up to vote inside the polling place and many others opting to vote curbside.

As of 10:30am yesterday, there was already a long line of vehicles at the multi-purpose center for voters who availed of early voting via curbside.

The multi-purpose center is the designated polling place

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2nd auction for IPI equipment starts

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Court-appointed receiver Clear Management Ltd. has launched the second auction of Imperial Pacific International (CNMI LLC's gaming equipment.

In its update on the receivership approved by the U.S. District Court for the NMI against IPI, the Clear Management website stated that

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IPI now up to date with payroll

» IPI currently has no CEO, but has executive assistant to CEO and assistant to CEO

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As of Wednesday last week, Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC has paid all outstanding payroll to their active employees, according to Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Andrew Yeom.

He informed the CCC board during their monthly meeting Thursday that, according to IPI's human resources senior adviser Redie Dela Cruz, IPI is now up to

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Emilie Kohler proudly holds up her entry that won the 2022 Green Flash Carve.
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Whale of a carve nets Kohler win

» Snyder's Viva Las Vegas Elvis costume also victorious

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Emilie Kohler's whale-shaped gourd stood out from a table full of Halloween pumpkins to win the fourth iteration of the Green Flash Carve last Saturday at the Laulau Dive Point in Lau Lau Bay.

Dr. Ron Snyder, meanwhile, channeled

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Dr. Ron Snyder channeled his inner Elvis Presley circa Las Vegas shows in winning the costume contest.

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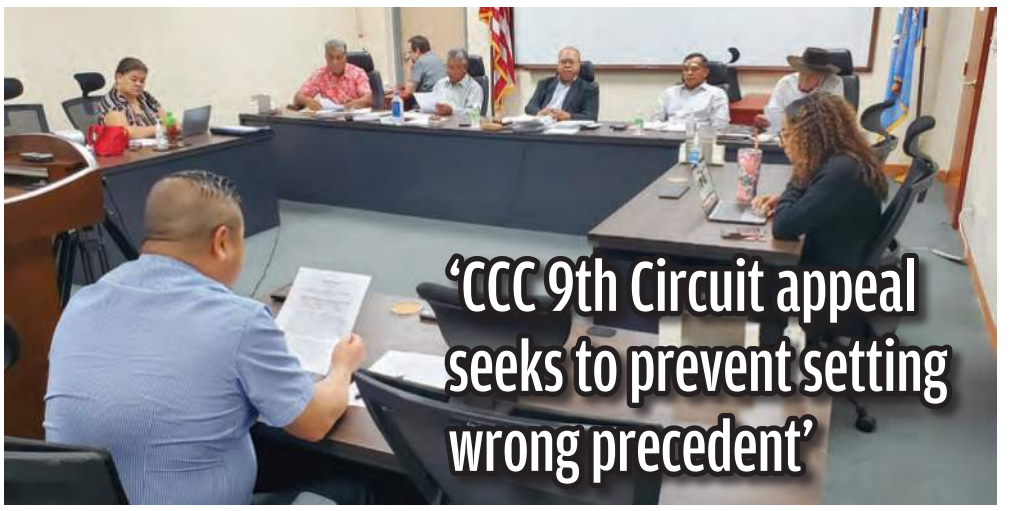

Commonwealth Casino Commission executive director Andrew Yeom talks about his report during the CCC board's monthly meeting at the Springs Plaza Building in Gualo Rai Thursday. Among the topics that Yeom discussed was the CCC's appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in reference to the U.S. District Court for the NMI's ruling that granted Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's motions for preliminary injunction and to compel arbitration.

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'CCC 9th Circuit appeal seeks to prevent setting wrong precedent'

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The most important reason why the Commonwealth Casino Commission has appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit the recent decision of the U.S. District Court for the NMI to grant Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC's request for preliminary injunction is because they do not want to set a wrong precedent that the federal court's decision may pave the way for deciding subsequent cases involving identical or similar facts, or similar legal issues whereby IPI may attempt to minimize CCC's authority.

That's according to CCC executive director Andrew Yeom, who said in his report to the CCC board Thursday that U.S. District Court Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's ruling could give IPI a way to bypass CCC regulations and the administrative hearing process that must be applied in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

"Therefore, we will do our very best to protect the authority of this commission and the integrity of the administrative processes that [IPI] must adhere to remain as prescribed in our regulation in all of the future proceedings," said Yeom during the CCC board's regular monthly meeting at the Springs Plaza in Gualo Rai.

He assured, though, that they have immense respect for Manglona and that the CCC intends to comply with her order until and unless it is overturned by the Ninth Circuit.

CCC, through its counsel, assistant attorney general Keisha Blaise, notified the District Court last Oct. 21 that it has asked the Ninth Circuit to review and reverse Manglona's decision that granted IPI's request for preliminary injunction and a motion to compel CCC and IPI to arbitration.

The preliminary injunction prohibits CCC from revoking IPI's exclusive casino license while IPI pursues its right to arbitration.

In a written decision last September, Manglona said she granted IPI's requests because IPI has the right to pursue arbitration pursuant to its Casino License Agreement and that they should be given a chance to do so.

Manglona ruled that IPI must be allowed to arbitrate all disputes on the applicability of its force majeure defense to the allegations contained in the 2021 CCC complaints.

IPI's force majeure defense is that it could not carry out its financial obligations under the CLA as a result of Super Typhoon Yutu, followed by the COVID-19 pandemic, which negatively impacted its business.

The judge granted IPI's motion for a preliminary injunction, stopping the CCC from proceeding with the 2022 revocation hearing based on the 2021 complaints. She granted IP's motion to compel the CCC to submit to arbitration pursuant to Section 30 of the Casino License Agreement.

In September 2021, Yeom filed five complaints against IPI—each one seeking the immediate revocation of its exclusive casino license, after IPI failed to comply with CCC's suspension order for not paying the annual casino exclusive license fee, and annual casino regulatory fee.

IPI subsequently asked the District Court to issue a preliminary injunction against CCC to prohibit the commission from revoking IPI's exclusive casino license. IPI requested the court to allow the company to pursue its right to arbitration.

Yeom said Thursday that the CCC, together with the Office of the Attorney General, shall defend the best interest of the Commonwealth in the arbitration proceedings to minimize the ambiguous applications of force majeure defense and to narrow down the scope of the force majeure applications for future references.

This, he said, may ultimately have to combine with the complete amendment of the force majeure related clauses in the Casino License Agreement as well.

"Regardless, the CCC will be here to work hand in hand with the AG's Office in our collective effort to have the best possible outcome for the CNMI throughout the entirety of the arbitration proceedings," Yeom said.

He said this arbitration process can easily take more than a year, depending on the level of documents to review and, more importantly, the amount in disputes.

Yeom said that, based on his research, 70% of cases with an amount in dispute below $1 million usually reach a final award within a year.

In CCC's case, Yeom said, the amount in dispute is well over $10 million and therefore they expect that their case to take at least a year or a year and a half or so. He said this can and probably will be a lengthy process and the CCC must work with the OAG to strategically engage this legal battle.

"This is not an option, as ordered by the District Court," Yeom said.

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Senate seeks to honor Willens' role in NMI's establishment

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Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero has introduced a Senate joint resolution to honor Howard Penney Willens, who served as counsel to the Marianas Political Status Commission in the '70s, for his efforts toward the establishment of the CNMI.

The resolution, which DeLeon Guerrero filed last week, seeks to honor Willens "for his selfless dedication and many contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands."

DeLeon Guerrero

Willens

Willens, who now lives in the U.S. mainland, served as the assistant counsel to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy from 1963 through 1964, then was the executive director of the President's Commission on Crime in the District of Columbia from 1965 through 1966.

DeLeon Guerrero said that Willens became connected to the CNMI through Edward DLG Pangelinan and Herman Q. Guerrero in Washington, D.C. in 1972, when they were members of the Congress of Micronesia.

At that time, Pangelinan was assigned to interview law firms that might potentially guide and represent the Northern Marianas in status negotiations with the United States.

DeLeon Guerrero said that after talking extensively with Willens about the expectations of the Northern Marianas people, Willens was able to persuade the law firm in which he was a partner that the project warranted the firm's support.

In 1972, he was retained to represent the islands in negotiations with the U.S. concerning the terms that established the NMI as a Commonwealth

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Sagana wants his jury trial rescheduled

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A man who was recently brought to the CNMI from Wisconsin to face federal charges has again asked to reschedule his jury trial, as his defense wants to hire a digital forensics expert to testify in his favor.

Bonifacio "Boni" Sagana, through his lawyer, Richard Miller, has asked the federal court to reschedule his jury trial to March 14, 2023 or on a date convenient to the court to allow the defense to thoroughly examine hundreds of pages of discovery, and hire a digital forensic expert.

"The reason for the request is that examination of the many hundreds of pages of discovery, and the work of the defense investigator in September, made it clear that an adequate defense will require the services of a digital forensic expert," Miller said.

He said it took him time to find an expert with the requisite training and experience who is available to work at reasonable rates.

"Depending on the expert's findings, the defense may need to file additional motions," Miller added.

According to Miller, he had discussed the request for a continuance with assistant U.S. Attorney Albert Flores, adding that the U.S. government does not object to a continuance to March 14, 2023, and an amendment to the scheduling order.

According to court documents, the federal court issued an arrest warrant for Sagana last Jan. 31, 2022, after he was indicted by a grand jury on accusations of helping individuals fraudulently obtain a CNMI driver's license using a counterfeited U.S. immigration visa number.

On May 16, 2022, he was arrested in Wisconsin and was transported to the CNMI where he has been released on his own recognizance

He has pleaded not guilty to the charge of conspiracy to unlawfully produce an identification document—a CNMI driver's license.

Back in October, Sagana asked the court to reschedule his trial for similar reasons.

Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona of the U.S. District Court for the NMI previously granted his request and continued his jury trial from Oct. 4 to Dec. 13.

Man accused of scalding girlfriend

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The Superior Court has imposed a $5,000 cash bail on a man who is accused of scalding his girlfriend with a hot bowl of soup in a fit of rage.

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph Camacho set last Friday a $5,000 cash bail for Ignacio C. Manglona, who allegedly scalded his girlfriend's leg with a hot bowl of soup during a heated argument. Following the hearing, Camacho remanded Manglona back to Department of Corrections custody and ordered him to return to court on Nov. 2 for a preliminary hearing. Manglona's arraignment was set for Nov. 7, at 9am before presiding judge Roberto Naraja.

According to court documents, Department of Public Safety and Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Service units responded last Wednesday at around 1:59pm to a disturbing the peace complaint.

At the scene, officers met with the victim, who told officers that her boyfriend, Manglona, punched her in the face a day before and then scalded her right leg with a hot bowl of soup that day.

Police officers did a follow up interview with the victim the next day, Oct. 27, and she told them that Manglona punched her in the face on Oct. 25 and called her names because he was mad at her.

The following day, Oct. 26, at around 9am, the victim said that Manglona told her to cook rice but she was on the phone with a family member at the time. She stated that she was just preparing to cook the rice because the soup she had made had just finished cooking. The victim said this angered Manglona and he ordered her to hang the phone up so she could cook the rice. Manglona then allegedly took the soup that the victim had cooked and poured it down on her leg.

The victim said they continued with their lunch even though she was in pain and then she went to her grandmother's house, where they reported the incident to police.

The victim noted that she never told her family about the abuse before because Manglona allegedly controls her and hurts her when she attempts to leave the house.

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IPI asks for dismissal of request for over $27M default judgment

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Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC is opposing a former employee's request for default judgment in the amount of over $27 million.

IPI, through its lawyer, Hannah A Bogen, filed its opposition in the U.S. District Court for the NMI against ex-employee Joshua Gray, who is suing IPI over alleged discriminatory hiring practices, and his motion for default judgment of over $27 million.

"While plaintiff has asserted that IPI retaliated and discriminated against him by terminating him, he has not provided any admissible evidence on which the court could conclude that he has proven damages against IPI. Accordingly, the court should not award the damages claimed and should decline to enter a default judgment," the lawyer said.

In addition, IPI has sought the dismissal of Gray's request for punitive damages because the plaintiff has failed to provide admissible evidence that he was terminated for discriminatory reasons.

"To warrant punitive damages, IPI's conduct must be (1) intentional, and (2) engaged in 'with malice or with reckless indifference to the federally protected rights' of the plaintiff," she said.

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EARLY

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for the early voting on Saipan and the Northern Islands.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla Igitol said they've been seeing many voters coming in non-stop since they opened the polling site at 8:30am.

"I just want to remind voters that today (Tuesday) is not the last day. It's only the first and we got six more days [of early voting]," Igitol said.

She said they have not encountered any major issues yet.

When asked about the turnout of early voting on Tinian and Rota, she said she hasn't even had the chance to ask because of the turnout at the multi-purpose center.

"But everything seems good because they haven't called or complained about anything. But I'm sure they have a good turnout as well," Igitol said.

The executive director, along with some CEC staff, assisted those who voted curbside or those who were unable to make their way inside the polling site because they are sick or have disabilities.

Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Kayla S. Igitol assists a curbside voter in front of the Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe yesterday morning.

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She said curbside voters get that option for them to vote while staying in their car.

"We'll bring the ballot to them," Igitol said.

Terry Muña Jose, 61, praised the smooth voting process, as it took her less than 30 minutes to complete the process.

Jose said she had a medical emergency last Sept. 24 so she decided to come and vote early to avoid crowding on Nov. 8, which is Election Day.

A concerned citizen from Precinct 5, who declined to be named, said the curbside voting process was slow, prompting him to ask CEC staff why he and other curbside voters can't vote at the same time inside his vehicle. He said he was helping a group pick up curbside voters and bring them to the polling site.

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date with payroll payouts.

This, however, does not include all employees who were separated or terminated without being paid in full, he added.

"That is another serious matter that IPI must resolve," said Yeom as he assured that CCC will be keeping its eyes on this matter until it is completely resolved.

In response to *Saipan Tribune*'s question, Dela Cruz disclosed that, as of yesterday, IPI has 15 active employees.

On the issue of IPI having obsolete titles on its list of employees, Yeom said there is no chief executive officer at this time, but Billy Lam is the "executive assistant to the CEO," while Steven Liang is the "assistant to CEO." He said Lam and Liang were hired during the tenure of then-IPI CEO Ray Yumul.

Yeom said that Lam and Liang were tasked to assist Yumul with all general matters routed to their executive office for reporting to the IPI board.

Specifically, Lam handled all government and investor relations coordination, while Liang coordinated all legal matters for Yumul's review.

Lam and Liang continue to serve in this capacity, Yeom said, performing the same duties since they were hired.

"It is just that they do not have a CEO at this time," he added.

WHALE

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his inner King of Rock 'N Roll by dressing up as Elvis Presley and won his second consecutive Green Flash Carve Halloween costume contest.

Kohler, a 36-year-old Division of Fish and Wildlife biologist, won a coin toss to top the competition as her pumpkin and eventual runner-up Jay Santos' alien skull from *Indiana Jones* actually finished tied for the top spot.

Just the same, she was shocked she won the contest.

"I was really surprised to win this year since there were so many good entries. We look forward to this event every year. We got extra points for using local produce and it was a fun challenge. You really have to be careful because a lot of veggies will shoot to the surface once you let go of them," she said.

The Ohio native said the shape of the squash inspired her to carve a whale. She also believes an additional accessory pushed her entry to the top.

"On my way to the event, I noticed my umbrella palm looked like a spout, so I picked a stalk to take with me. It may have been the deciding factor. The conditions were challenging to carve in this year, so I was thankful to have a simple design. I'd like to dedicate my win to my dive buddy for life, J.D. Herndon," said Kohler.

Kohler won a Scubapro MK2/R095 regulator set, while Santos settled for second place and took home a Scubapro dive light. Jessica Williams and Doemiko Flores, who both carved fish shapes using local gourds, finished tied for third place and each got a Scubapro rash guard.

Snyder, meanwhile, followed up his Elsa of Arendelle getup from Disney's *Frozen* last year with a Las Vegas Elvis impersonation this time.

"I actually bought the costume online two years ago. I wanted to wear it to school and then go as Underwater Elvis for the Green Flash Costume Contest. But last year, the SIS Halloween Carnival was canceled because of COVID so I saved the costume for this year. I thought Elvis would look cool underwater and the costume could be integrated into the scuba gear," said the Saipan International School headmaster, who actually shaved his beard especially for the event for authenticity.

While he agrees that winning twice in a row is very cool, Snyder said it could also be a curse. "I am already feeling the pressure to maintain my status. Halloween is over and I am already pricing costume pieces for sale on eBay for next year. I can't guarantee a three-peat but I will do my best not to let my fans down. That is what the King would have done, after all."

The CNMI national athletics coach dedicated his win in the costume contest to his ever supportive wife, Kim. "She had to help me into the costume because of the scuba gear."

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Nov. 8 is Election Day holiday—memo

The Office of the Governor has issued a memorandum to remind all department and activity heads as well as all government employees that Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, is election day and is thus a legal holiday in the Commonwealth. Accordingly, all non-essential government workers are granted holiday leave on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022. ***(PR)***

Nov. 11 is Veterans Day

The CNMI Office of the Governor, the CNMI Office of Veterans Affairs, and the Veterans Day Committee are inviting the public to join us to celebrate and honor those brave patriots who have served and are still serving, with unwavering dedication and purpose, who sacrifice their personal comforts to keep the world safe, and who secure the freedom we enjoy today at the Veterans Day Ceremony.

This year's Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the American Memorial Park, Court of Honor, on Friday, Nov. 11, 2022 at 11am. ***(PR)***

AUCTION

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it has officially launched the second auction of IPI's gaming equipment and is set to close the auction on Dec. 9, at 12pm. This is the second of six online auctions Clear Management has lined up for IPI's gaming equipment.

The items currently up for grabs include 365 slot machines, 39 electronic table gaming terminals, gaming tables and gaming chairs/stools, table gaming utilities, wheels and displays, and other miscellaneous items such as 70,000 GLI Chip sets, safes, currency wands, cash counters, card shredders, 1,000 locks and surveillance systems, and more.

The most recent auction concluded last Oct. 7, with Clear Management receiving bids from all over the world, including the U.S.A., Europe, India, Australia, South Korea, and Saipan. The total of the high bids realized from the sale was $410,000. Clear Management is currently awaiting court approval of the sales.

Each of the successful bidders has executed a memorandum of sale, and has provided evidence of the transfer of an amount equal to 15% of its successful bids to The Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Escrow Trust Account.

All World Consulting submitted bids on 116 card shufflers. It was the successful bidder on 78 card shufflers. The total amount of its successful bids was $270,000.

MP Holdings LLC submitted bids on 60 card shufflers but none of its bids were successful.

IPG International submitted bids on 48 card shufflers and three Chipstars. It was the high bidder on 20 card shufflers. The total amount of its successful bids was $50,000.

Gaming Supplies, LLC, submitted bids on 116 card shufflers and three Chipstars. It was the high bidder on four shufflers and three Chipstars. The total amount of its successful bids was $91,000.

Grand Hyatt Jeju submitted bids on 14 card shufflers. It was the high bidder on all 14. The total amount of its successful bids was $65,300.

In addition to the report and account of sale, White submitted a motion asking the court to confirm the over $400,000 sale of IPI's gaming equipment.

SENATE

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under U.S. sovereignty, making its people U.S. citizens.

He served as legal counsel to the Northern Marianas Political Status Commission from December 1972 to March 1976. In his capacity, Willens advised the members of the Political Status Commission on various negotiating strategies, alternate solutions, potential strengths and setbacks, as well as the details and intricacies of U.S. laws that might apply to the Northern Marianas.

He aided the commission in concluding the negotiations, to then gain concurrence from the U.S. Congress for the Covenant between the Northern Marianas and the U.S.

Willens also served as the lead counsel in the First Constitutional Convention in 1976, to which he and his law firm assisted members of the convention in evaluating their opinions by developing briefing books.

He portrayed the decision of the members through draft articles. He and his staff formulated the decisions that resulted from the Constitutional Convention into the final record that was subjected to the approval of voters.

He also served as the lead counsel in the Third Constitutional Convention in 1995 through 1996.

Willens continued to serve the CNMI from Washington, D.C. through important assignments throughout numerous years until he spent four years in the Commonwealth serving as a legal advisor to the governor in 2009.

He received the Lifetime Achievement in the Humanities Award for his lasting contributions toward the humanities of the Marianas over numerous years.

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HSEM operations center setup on Rota nears completion

The CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is nearly done with setting up a Municipal Operations Center in Sinapalo, Rota that will function as a command center in the municipality in times of disasters.

An HSEM team went to Rota last Oct.17, 2022, to continue the setup of the Rota MOC and stayed in the municipality for a week, during which they finished several components of the project, including implementation of Disaster Management Systems, as well as preparing and configuring computers and workstations to better navigate emergency preparedness.

HSEM will soon be setting up a similar MOC on Tinian once they are done with the one on Rota. Yesterday's HSEM news release did not indicate a specific timeline on when they expect to complete setting up the Rota MOC.

"As we are nearing completion of the Rota MOC, we look forward to commence the Tinian MOC setup," said acting special assistant Joey DelaCruz.

"These efforts are a result of the vision [of] Gov. Ralph Torres, CNMI HSEM special assistant Dennis Mendiola, and multi-agency collaboration. Rigorous preparation and innovating management will assist the CNMI in becoming a better prepared community in times of disaster."

A critical purpose of CNMI HSEM includes increasing the disaster readiness of command buildings, based on the CNMI's experience with disasters over the past seven years.

"CNMI HSEM applauds the Office of the Governor for their continued cooperation and untiring support in supporting the CNMI municipalities efforts of implementing a MOC. CNMI HSEM will continue to work hard to support a modern, safe, and efficient MOC center for the residents and employees," the HSEM news release stated. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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HSEM

WWII-era ordnance to be detonated Friday

An explosive ordnance disposal team will be detonating World War II-era ordnance at the WWII DOD Military Quarry on Tinian this Friday, Nov. 4.

The planned detonation has been scheduled to occur between 9am and 2pm on Friday, so the public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are being urged to stay away from the area during the time and date indicated.

In a news release yesterday, the CNMI Emergency Operation Center-State Warning Point said the general location of this activity will be at the WWII DOD Military Quarry within 500 feet radius on all quadrants to 3,000 feet above sea level.

For more information, contact the CNMI Emergency Operation Center-State Warning Point at (670) 237-8000, VHF Marine Chnl 16, and HF single side band radio on 5.205.0. ***(PR)***

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INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-23-002

Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Beach Road and Chalan Kanoa)

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Beach Road and Chalan Kanoa) in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project consists of the installation of gravity sewer main, new service laterals, connection to existing service laterals, and the installation of sewer manholes.

The project is funded by a grant from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and CUC. The award of this project is contingent upon receipt of approval for project award from ARPA.

CUC requires the project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of **$200.00** for one IFB package set.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on **October 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No. 17, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-IFB-23-002, Sewer Main and Manhole Replacement Project (Beach Road and Chalan Kanoa)"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on November 09, 2022**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. **Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.**

A Bid Guarantee of not less than fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the Unites States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety.

A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on October 21, 2022** to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, CUC's Purchasing Administrator, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org, with a copy to Larry Manacop, Acting Chief Engineer for Water/Wastewater via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org, Joel Puyat, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at joel.puyat@cucgov.org and Ms. Christie L. Sablan, Procurement & Supply, Senior Administrative Technician via email address at christie.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DEVELOPMENT OF ECHO DOCK
PORT OF SAIPAN
CPA RFP NO. CPA-RFP-010-2022
(CPA CONCESSION NO. SEA 2022-01)

The Commonwealth Ports Authority ("Authority") is inviting qualified developers and their development teams to submit sealed proposals, subject to the terms and conditions of this Request for Proposals (the "RFP") and other contract provisions, for the development of Echo Dock, which is situated north of the Port of Saipan. The Executive Director hereby determines that the use of an Invitation for Bid is neither practical nor advantageous to the Authority because the Authority wishes to acquire services and products that cannot be evaluated by cost alone. This RFP is being issued pursuant to NMIAC § 40-70-205.

The RFP Package is available beginning Wednesday, August 31, 2022, at the Authority's Accounting Office, 2nd Floor, Departure Terminal Building, Saipan International Airport upon payment of a non-refundable administrative fee of $200.00. Payment shall be made in cash, credit card, cashier's check, or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Other than this administrative fee, proposers are not required to submit a prepaid minimum concession fee.

The Authority will hold a briefing for interested parties at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 16, 2022, to explain the Authority's development objectives, the RFP process, and to answer questions. The meeting will be held at the Authority's Seaport Conference Room, George Fleming Building. All potential applicants are encouraged to attend but it is not mandatory.

All proposers are requested to pay attention to the following significant dates and times:

Date RFP Package becomes available	August 31, 2022 (8:00 AM)
Date of RFP briefing meeting	September 16, 2022 (10:00 AM)
Deadline to submit Notice of Intent	September 28, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Deadline to submit Statement of Qualifications	October 13, 2022 (4:00 PM)
Notification of qualified applicants of the RFP	October 28, 2022
Deadline for RFP submission	November 30, 2022 (4:00 PM)

Qualified proposers shall submit their sealed proposals to the "CPA Evaluation Committee" and mark the outside cover of its submittal as follows: "RFP Proposal: Confidential - Development of the Echo Dock, Saipan (RFP-010-2022)." Five (5) hard copies and one electronic copy on CD, DVD, or flash drive of the proposal must be submitted no later than **4:00 p.m. CHST, Wednesday, November 30, 2022**, to the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor of the Arrival Terminal at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport. Proposals submitted by facsimile (fax) transmission will not be considered. Any proposals received after the proposal submittal deadline shall be returned to the proposer unopened. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if sufficient justification exist that awarding the project would not be in the best interest of the CPA.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE GUARDIANSHIP OF: Alicia Naputi Muna An Incompetent Person By: Barbara Muna Castro Petitioner	FCD-GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 22-0384 **NOTICE OF HEARING**

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Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

REMEMBERING OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES THIS

All Souls Day

"Today, we dedicate our time toward remembering our loved ones who have faithfully departed. Life is precious, and it is important that we celebrate the lived lives of those who aren't with us anymore. I ask that we spend our time with family and friends as we honor our world's fallen souls, those who are close to us, and those that are unknown.

Have a safe and restful All Souls Day, Marianas!

– GOVERNOR RALPH DLG. TORRES"

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All tricks, no treats for midterm election workers

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Remember when running elections was so safe, so uncontroversial, that volunteering to work the polls seemed to be mostly the avocation of public-spirited retirees?

Sure you do, because no matter how old you are, that describes your whole voting life. Until Donald Trump.

American history's sorest loser has strafed the foundations of democracy with his lies about rigged ballots, and for his own selfish ends, he has demonized the selfless folks who've long been democracy's worker bees. The defeated president's demagoguery has spawned red-state voting restrictions and radicalized his MAGAts, whose harassment and intimidation of election workers and voters alike have given new meaning to the phrase battleground states.

It's really scary out there in this Halloween election season, all tricks and no treats.

Did you ever in your wildest nightmare think you'd see Americans cast their ballots under the suspicious eyes of armed vigilantes in tactical gear or be filmed by strangers as they voted, as happened in the past week in Phoenix and Mesa, Arizona?

In Nevada, a headline in the Las Vegas Review-Journal on Monday read: " 'Prepare For The Worst': Election Officials Increase Security To Protect Workers From Threats." Elsewhere, local election offices are taking security measures, including teaching de-escalation techniques, and even providing active-shooter training to employees, installing bulletproof glass and reinforcing walls with Kevlar.

At the very least, the expectation is that we'll face some degree of electoral chaos after Nov. 8, especially in the battleground states—Republican activists challenging voters, candidates contesting election results, party officials refusing to certify an outcome or red-state legislatures trying to decide the winners. All with the balance of power in Congress at stake. Reports this week in Rolling Stone and elsewhere said Trump has lately had meetings and calls with Republican operatives on how to challenge midterm election results, especially in Senate races, if they don't go his way.

(Another question: Did you ever think you'd see candidate after candidate unwilling to say they'd accept the results of an American election? In decades as a national political reporter, I never thought to ask that of politicians and if I had, they—Republican or Democrat—would have looked at me like I was mad.)

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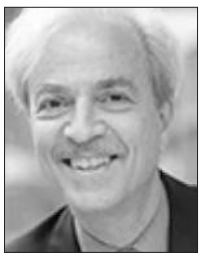
10 myths about American politics

By MICHAEL REISCH
The Baltimore Sun



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The media frequently justify their election coverage with claims that a vital democracy needs a well-informed public. Unfortunately, their coverage often repeats long-standing myths about politics that undermine this worthwhile goal.

Here are 10 of the most glaring myths:

1. Candidate quality counts most with voters.

In this age of celebrity, name recognition rather than substantive accomplishment matters. There is no other explanation for the electoral success of Donald Trump, the candidacies of Kari Lake, J.D. Vance and Mehmet Oz, and the contemplation of future candidacies by Kanye West and Dwayne Johnson. Many voters embrace celebrity to acquire vicarious status or because a celebrity voices their long-held beliefs.

2. Voters prefer candidates who display bipartisanship.

Prospective voters often express chagrin about politicians' failure to "just get along." Yet, they largely vote for candidates in primary elections who reflect the most polarized positions. Candidates respond accordingly, even after they win.

3. Voters prefer positive messages from candidates.

Voters also frequently bemoan attack ads that combine half-truths about opponents with scary images and ominous music. Studies reveal, however, that most voters respond more to negative ads than positive ones.

4. Voters pay attention to candidates' records on the issues.

Candidates' websites post detailed positions on a wide range of issues, but scant evidence exists that voters examine these websites carefully. In fact, voters hardly notice shifts in candidates' positions except on the few issues they already cared about.

5. Voters care about the future.

Some candidates address long-term problems, such as the national debt, the fate of Social Security and Medicare, and the future of the Earth. Voters focus on short-term concerns, however, like gasoline prices or entrenched issues like abortion. To some extent, this reflects how the media cover the issues.

6. Voters assess candidates using similar criteria.

Although they claim to prefer candidates whose moral rectitude reflects a commitment to "family values," voters all over the political spectrum are remarkably forgiving of their preferred candidates even when they violate these norms. For example, feminists supported Bill Clinton; evangelicals still back Donald Trump. Less popular politicians, however, often suffer the voters' wrath for less egregious transgressions.

7. Voters who identify as independent are better informed and less partisan.

Given the increasing importance of primaries in determining who ultimately wins political office, declaring oneself an "independent" is increasingly no more than a form of virtue signaling. States without "open primaries" render independents politically irrelevant, yet both parties moderate previous positions to attract their votes. Independents are just as partisan as other voters. They only differ in the combination of issues about which they are partisan.

8. There is such a thing as the women's vote, the Black vote, the Jewish vote, etc.

The media frequently report how a particular group's votes will split among candidates, and pay inordinate attention to perceived shifts in these blocs' voting patterns. Following an election, they twist themselves into analytic pretzels explaining why so many women voted for Donald Trump; non-college educated white men voted for Barack Obama, but not Hillary Clinton; and why Latinos embrace conservative positions on abortion and immigration. The myth that identity equates with ideology has been disproved so often it is no longer a surprise.

9. Debates influence election outcomes.

Since the Kennedy-Nixon debates, the assumption that these events influence the outcome of close elections remains a sacred truth of American politics. Campaigns spend considerable time rehearsing rhetorical zingers for their candidate to inject at an opportune moment. In some cases, they deliberately set the bar so low for their candidate that anything short of incoherence is a "victory" (see Herschel Walker). Debates, however, now have less impact on elections than viewers do on "Dancing with the Stars," especially when they occur after early voting begins.

10. Not voting sends a powerful political message.

Deliberately choosing not to vote out of apathy, cynicism or the belief that voting makes no difference is just another version of virtue signaling. It is particularly tragic that groups most likely not to vote—people who are young, lower income, and less educated—are those most affected by election outcomes. Although some campaigns engage in registration and "get out the vote" efforts, they largely target likely voters and tailor their messages accordingly.

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4 factors to consider as you vote next week

By JOHN M. CRISP
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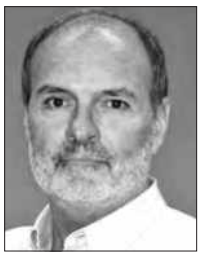

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For some time I've believed that the presidential election of 2024 will be a defining crisis that pits the most likely Republican candidate, Donald Trump, against whomever the Democrats choose, whether President Joe Biden or someone else. The outcome of that contest will tell us a lot about what kind of country we are.

But the crisis has come two years early. Trump isn't on the ballot, but virtually every race reflects the Trumpian context in which we live. To vote is to choose, and next Tuesday's outcome will be a telling index on our nation's identity. I hope that you will vote Democratic.

The audience for this column is somewhat limited. A significant fraction of Americans have already voted. And a larger proportion, whether they've voted or not, have already decided with a certainty beyond the capacity of this column to influence.

But if you haven't voted, and you haven't entirely made up your mind, please consider these four factors as you go to your polling station:

No. 1: It's not the stupid economy.

Democrats got a boost when the Supreme Court decided Dobbs v. Jackson against the preferences of more than 60% of Americans. But whatever momentum the Democrats gained when the Court revoked that right has dissipated with the onset of bad economic news, especially inflation and higher gas prices. Voters tend to blame incumbents for their economic unhappiness.

But as you vote, it's worth remembering that individuals—even presidents—have very little influence on gas prices, which are driven almost entirely by the global market. Gas prices are high all over the world, even in places where Biden is not president.

Republicans know this: They blamed Biden when gas prices went up this year, but gave him no credit when they came back down.

Inflation is similarly dependent on complicated external factors and, like gas prices, it's high in other developed countries, as well. If you're thinking of voting Republican based on inflation, note that Nobel Laureate Paul Krugman, writing recently in The New York Times, says that Republicans don't have a plan for fighting inflation and to the extent that they have an economic plan, at all, it would probably make things worse. Check it out.

No. 2: Trump actually lost the 2020 presidential election, but he and his accomplices mounted a systematic effort to overturn that election and to undermine confidence in future elections. If you're uncertain about this but have an open mind, invest several hours in watching the final House Jan. 6 committee hearing, available on YouTube.

Virtually every Republican candidate must at least tacitly accept the great 2020 falsehood, and so must Republican voters.

No. 3: Democrats are not socialists. You might find a few semi-socialists on the far left of the party, but most Democrats merely want government participation in ensuring a decent standard of living and security for most citizens. Republicans want the same thing, only slightly less. The accusation "Socialism!"—put to disingenuous use for decades—is fabricated and employed purely for political purposes.

No. 4: Republican votes help reinforce a tendency toward political violence, which never runs very far beneath the surface of American culture. Trump encouraged this unfortunate trend with his tough-guy bravado, his divisiveness and his constant cultivation of grievance that can be remedied only by fighting to "take our country back."

On Jan. 6, some of his followers took him seriously. There's little question that if the Jan. 6 insurrectionists had encountered Vice President Mike Pence—they came within 40 feet!—or Speaker Nancy Pelosi at the capitol, they would have done them harm.

And last week one of Trump's followers forced his way into Nancy Pelosi's house, badly injuring her husband. If Speaker Pelosi had been home, there's a real chance she could have been killed.

Of course, most Republicans don't support this sort of violence. In fact, all normal citizens denounce political violence. The problem is that many Republicans—especially Trump—don't repudiate it emphatically enough.

In America, the ultimate repudiation takes place at the ballot box. Please consider that on Election Day.

High-speed rail is a progressive fantasy

By RICH LOWRY
King Features Synd., Inc.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

California progressives tried to build a European-style high-speed rail network and alienated the French in the process.

A big New York Times piece on the rail project reports that the French, who wanted to work with California, decided the state was simply too dysfunctional and departed to help complete a high-speed line in Morocco instead.

The ongoing unraveling of California's rail plan is an object lesson in how infrastructure as eschatology is a bad idea. If transportation is conceived as a way to save the planet and fulfill a deep-seated, quasi-religious fixation rather than a means to move people around more efficiently, it is bound to fail. Throw on top California's politicized decision-making and regulatory and legal obstacles to building, and it's a formula for a boondoggle for the ages.

No matter how high California has estimated the cost of the project, it hasn't been enough, even as almost nothing has been built. It started out at $33 billion in 2008. Now, it's $113 billion, with no one knowing where the funding is going to come from.

Not that the California experience will diminish the progressive ardor for high-speed rail. As far as its enthusiasts are concerned, it is like socialism—never failed, just never truly tried.

President Barack Obama proposed an 8,600-mile high-speed rail system, and Transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg wants the U.S. to be the "global leader" in high-speed rail. Progressives think of bullet trains like windmills on rails, a symbol of enlightenment and modernity, a way to free ourselves from the selfish, small-minded tyranny of the automobile and adopt a sleeker, greener, more virtuous future.

Then, the wheel meets the rail. In California, it might have sounded appealing to build a high-speed rail link between Los Angeles and San Francisco—if you abstracted the project from all the topographical and other difficulties. For political reasons, a less direct, less economical route between the cities was selected. And the decision was made to start building between the two megalopolises, in the Central Valley, creating the possibility that California may end up with a bullet train to and from nowhere.

Of course, we already have cheap, high-speed transport between population centers. It is called air travel.

As Randal O'Toole of the Cato Institute points out, planes cruise at roughly 500 miles per hour. The Amtrak Acela, on the other hand, has a top speed of 150 miles per hour. Yes, airplanes need infrastructure, but not expensive, complex new infrastructure all along their routes.

O'Toole notes that Japan's high-speed trains seemed like the future in the 1960's, when air travel was more expensive than rail. Also, Japan's high-speed trains had a ready-made customer base in the substantial proportion of the country's population that already traveled by train.

In the U.S. today, in contrast, the average cost per mile of traveling by air is cheaper than traveling by rail, and a minuscule 0.1% of all passenger travel is via Amtrak.

If we built the Interstate Highway System, why can't we build a comparable high-speed network? As O'Toole observes, the highway system basically paid for itself and accounts for a substantial 20% of the country's passenger-miles and a roughly comparable proportion of freight ton-miles.

High-speed rail could never be a match. Even if you put aside the endemic cost overruns, the inevitable construction delays, and the considerable maintainable costs, it can only carry passengers, not freight.

While progressives swoon over high-speed rail as the shiny future, some other genuinely futuristic technology is likely to emerge. If the age of self-driving cars ever arrives, people will be able to experience a car more like a personal train, except unlimited by rails.

California hasn't created a railroad to the future but a warning to the rest of the country to avoid its delusion and folly.

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Set aside the potential for chaos, however. What's already happening is collateral damage done to our fellow citizens who run elections. We used to take them for granted. Now we should actively support them and even work with them at the precinct level to safeguard elections.

In March, the liberal-leaning Brennan Center for Justice found that 20% of election officials expected to leave their jobs by 2024, given the political attacks and heightened stress; 1 in 3 knew a co-worker who'd left out of concerns for safety.

"In the wake of Trump's lies, a brain drain of local election experience in Georgia" was the headline on an exhaustive, even heartbreaking Boston Globe report in recent days.

A U.S. House report documented threats, including one to a Texas election official saying he should be killed and "his lifeless body [hung] in public until maggots drip out of his mouth."

What makes the exodus of long-time election workers worse is that they're too often getting replaced with Trumpist election deniers. In Michigan, Politico reported this month, a Republican county clerk hired Genevieve Peters, a Michigan native whose LinkedIn page said she once worked as a Los Angeles election supervisor on contract. More recently, however, she was filmed cheering on insurrectionists at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, and afterward she filmed herself saying that that mayhem was "only the beginning."

This is no accident. It's the real replacement theory, the one that everyone should worry about.

"Heads up, America"—that's what the co-founder of a nonpartisan fair-elections group, States United Democracy Center, warned when I interviewed her late last year on the right's burgeoning efforts to replace nonpartisan staffers in election offices with Trump zealots. "We're taking over all the elections," Trump henchman Stephen K. Bannon said in describing that "precinct strategy."

The former president is the effort's recruiter in chief. Here's a statement released in February: "If members of our Great movement start getting involved (that means YOU becoming a precinct committeeman for your voting precinct), we can take back our great Country from the ground up."

Politico obtained recordings in which Republican Party state officials and other Trump allies discussed creating "an army" of partisan poll workers with hotlines to friendly local lawyers and district attorneys, to challenge voters in Democratic-leaning precincts.

Meanwhile, nonpartisan administrators and volunteers in election offices struggle on, taking extra steps—holding seminars and giving tours, for example—to try to reassure voters, especially those who believe the "Big Lie," that in fact the systems in place are fair and square.

"What's happening now is based off of two things," Matt Crane, a self-described conservative Republican who heads the Colorado County Clerks Assn., told Congress at a hearing on increased threats to election workers. "It's based on a lie [that the 2020 presidential election was stolen]. And it is based on a lack of leadership, unfortunately from my party." Elected Republicans won't speak out, he said, for fear of "political retribution."

It can't be said often enough: This is not normal. It's the stuff of faux-democratic authoritarian states that we've read about and tut-tutted all our adult lives. Places where strongmen seek to take over the levers of democracy, with the help of their misguided ground troops.

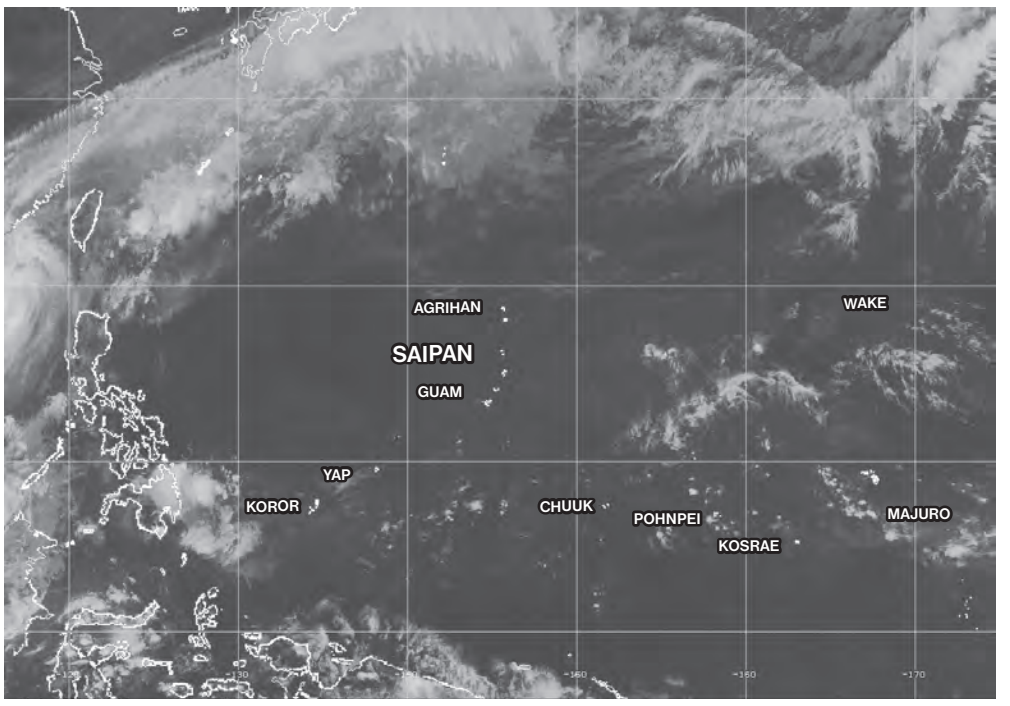
I'd call it un-American, yet it's happening here.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Isolated showers. Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny
87° 78°	87° 78°	87° 78°	87° 78°	87° 78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite shows a few showers in southern Guam waters. The Ritidian buoy shows combined seas around 5 feet.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA		▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° / 78°
Palau	Partly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Yap	Isolated Thunderstorms	87° / 79°
Chuuk	Isolated Thunderstorms	87° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	87° / 76°
Kosrae	Mostly Cloudy	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE		▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	70° / 62°
Beijing	Showers	58° / 41°
Hong Kong	Rain/Wind	72° / 71°
Honolulu	Sunny	85° / 74°
London	Rain	59° / 50°
Los Angeles	Cloudy	70° / 56°
Manila	Thunderstorms	88° / 78°
Melbourne	Rain	55° / 44°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	85° / 79°
New York	Cloudy	68° / 54°
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	72° / 54°
Paris	Mostly Sunny	62° / 52°
Busan	Sunny	71° / 50°
Rome	Partly Cloudy	75° / 57°
Salem	Partly Cloudy	74° / 53°
San Francisco	Rain/Wind	58° / 48°
Seoul	Sunny	63° / 40°
Tokyo	Sunny	71° / 56°
Washington, DC	Cloudy	73° / 54°

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Thursday	6:13 AM	5:47 PM
Friday	6:13 AM	5:46 PM
Saturday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM
Sunday	6:14 AM	5:46 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:17 AM	1:35 PM
Thursday	-	1:17 AM	2:20 PM
Friday	-	2:14 AM	3:01 PM
Saturday	-	3:09 AM	3:40 PM
Sunday	-	4:01 AM	4:18 PM

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		FEET
12:14 AM	High Tide	1.47
8:07 AM	Low Tide	-0.17
3:55 PM	High Tide	1.80
9:53 PM	Low Tide	1.08

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 1, 2022

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA117	9:50AM	10:35AM	Daily

SAIPAN- NARITA (NRT)

UA824	7:05AM	9:45AM	1, 3, 5

GUAM-MANILA (MNL)

PR 111	6:00AM	7:45AM	Daily
UA193	7:55PM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Palau
UA183	8:00PM	9:50PM	Daily

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

UA117/183	9:50AM	9:50PM	Daily via Guam
UA117/193	9:50AM	11:50PM	2, 5 via Guam, Palau
OZ624/701	3:40PM	10:35AM+1	3,6 via Incheon

SAIPAN-INCHEON (ICN)

OZ624	3:40PM	7:40PM	3, 6
TW308	4:30PM	8:20PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3405	4:35PM	8:25PM	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

BX621	3:10PM	6:30PM	3, 7

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA174	8:00AM	8:46AM	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

UA825	9:25PM	2:00AM+1	2, 4, 7

MANILA (MNL)-GUAM

PR110	10:05PM	3:55AM+1	Daily
UA184	10:55PM	4:45AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA192	10:40PM	6:30AM+1	2, 5 via Palau
UA184	12:40AM	6:30AM	3, 6

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

UA189/174	12:40AM	8:46AM+1	3, 6 via Guam
UA184/174	10:55PM	8:46AM+1	1, 3, 4, 6,7 via Guam
UA192/174	10:40PM	8:46AM+1	2, 5 via Palau, Guam
OZ704/623	11:50PM	2:40PM+1	2, 5 via Incheon

INCHEON (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ623	9:00AM	2:40PM	3, 6
TW307	10:00AM	3:30PM	3, 4, 6, 7
7C3406	10:10AM	3:30PM	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

BX622	8:00AM	1:10PM	3, 7

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); UA United Airlines; PR, Philippine Airlines; TW, T'Way Air; OZ, Asiana Airlines; 7C, Jeju Air; BX, Air Busan • ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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INITIAL DAILY FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF AUGUST 18, 2022

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:00 A.M.	7:15 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
9:50 A.M.	10:05 A.M.	
4:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
7:35 A.M.	7:50 A.M.	(Except Sundays)
10:25 A.M.	10:40 A.M.	
4:35 P.M.	4:50 P.M.	(Except Saturdays)

SAIPAN TO ROTA

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
8:10 A.M.	8:40 A.M.	
1:45 P.M.	2:15 P.M.	

ROTA TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
9:00 A.M.	9:30 A.M.	
2:35 P.M.	3:05 P.M.	

SAIPAN TO GUAM

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
11:10 A.M.	12:00 P.M.	
5:15 P.M.	6:05 P.M.	

GUAM TO SAIPAN

DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
12:30 P.M.	1:20 P.M.	
6:40 P.M.	7:30 P.M.	

STAR MARIANAS AIR, INC.

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF JUNE 1, 2022

SAIPAN TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1301	8:30	9:00	Daily
1302	11:00	11:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
1302	12:00	12:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
1303	15:30	16:00	Daily

ROTA TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3101	9:30	10:00	Daily
3102	13:00	13:30	Tues/Thurs/Sat/Sun
3102	14:00	14:30	Mon/Wed/Fri
3103	16:30	17:00	Daily

ROTA TO GUAM

LIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
3401	12:00	12:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

GUAM TO ROTA

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
4301	13:00	13:30	Mon/Wed/Fri

SAIPAN TO TINIAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
1202	8:00	8:15	Daily
1203	9:00	9:15	Daily
1204	10:00	10:15	Daily
1208	14:00	14:15	Daily
1209	15:00	15:15	Daily
1210	16:00	16:15	Daily
1211	17:00	17:15	Daily

TINIAN TO SAIPAN

FLIGHT #	DEPARTS	ARRIVES	FREQUENCY
2102	8:30	8:45	Daily
2103	9:30	9:45	Daily
2104	10:30	10:45	Daily
2108	14:30	14:45	Daily
2109	15:30	15:45	Daily
2110	16:30	16:45	Daily
2111	17:30	17:45	Daily

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

Keeping alive memories and connecting

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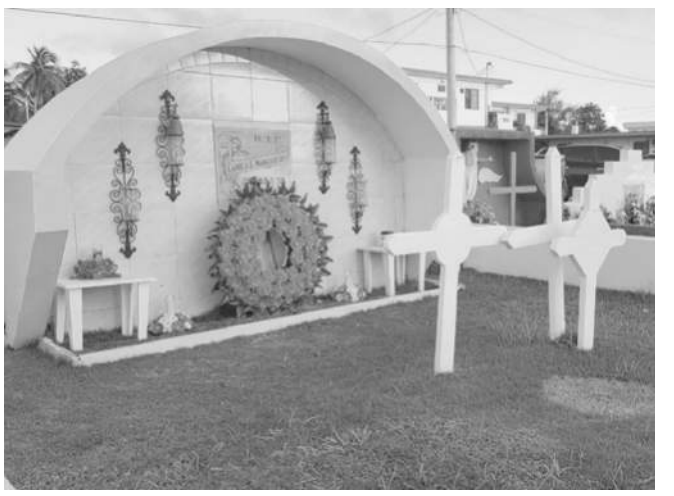
Carrying on a tradition of prayers and fond memories, hundreds of the CNMI's Christian community made it a point to light a candle, bring flowers, and clear the final resting places of their late loved ones yesterday as part of the annual observance of All Saints Day. The same tradition will be observed today, which is called All Souls Day.

Traditionally celebrated by many in the Roman Catholic Church on Nov. 1 and 2, many in the CNMI do not only observe it as a tradition but also a time to reflect on past memories, uphold the respect due in the present, and think about the future.



Scenes from yesterday's observance of All Saints Day.

CHRYSTAL MARINO

Among the many cemeteries that were filled with individuals and families paying their respects yesterday, the Chalan Kanoa cemetery behind the Mt. Carmel Church was, as expected, quite full.

Among those paying their respects at the CK cemetery was Diego M. Sablan and his wife Elaine. "Every time I come here, I always feel at peace, I always feel connected," he said. He added that just visiting the cemetery and paying respects to their loved ones was one of the ways he unplugs from the chaos—and many things going on in the world—and connects. "I feel like I'm connected to my ancestors, to my roots. This is our tradition. Once a year we come and beautify the gravesites, pay respect with flowers and candles, but I think it's beyond that. …At least for me personally. I try to come here at least once a week, just so I can stay connected. And I always feel that special place when I come." Sablan added.

His wife, Elaine, added "I think it's because we believe there's life after death, and so as we are praying for them they are praying for us."

Deion Duenas, alongside his mother, Arlina, and brother, Devon, were there to commemorate the life of his father, who recently passed away. "It's a really good time to think back and collect all the memories. It's also good to see the community, everyone come together, just to take this time, and day to remember and pray."

Angeline Barcelo of New Paradise Flower Shop said they do get extra busy this time of the year, but this is also a sensitive time for customers and they try to take time to help each individual pick out the right flowers for their loved ones.

One of New Paradise's customers, Betty Villacrusis, said that she too was buying some fresh flowers for her late husband. She explained that although her husband was buried in their native home in the Philippines, she would still remember to light a candle and offer flowers and prayers for him.

Senate resolution seeks to honor late police officer's life and contributions

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Sablan

Sen. Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan (R-Saipan) has introduced a commemorative resolution to honor the life and years of selfless contributions to the CNMI of Jackson Smau Kaipat Davis, a police officer who reportedly died while diving in Laulau Bay last Oct. 18 while participating in a three-day diving certification course.

Sablan stated in the resolution that he pre-filed Thursday that the CNMI is profoundly grateful and pays solemn tribute to Davis "for his commitment to the safety and wellbeing of the people of the Commonwealth both on land and sea."

The senator said the Senate joins the people of the CNMI in expressing their condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the family, friends, and colleagues during this time of sorrow and loss.

He said the Senate members pause to commemorate the life and memory of Davis, who served "with the highest regard of safety and protection for the people and visitors of the CNMI."

Sablan said Davis shared his most cherished moments with his spouse, Stephanie A. Borja, with whom he built a life of love and nurture in the upbringing of their five children.

Davis began his career in law enforcement under the Workforce Investment Agency as a fire cadet from March 2006 to July 2007. He served as a wildland firefighter under the Department of Public Safety from 2008 to 2010.

From 2012 to 2013, Davis was employed as a trades helper under the Department of Public Works.

Davis shifted careers again when he attended the Department of Corrections Academy. Upon his graduation from the academy in 2013, he served as a Corrections Officer 1 until September 2015, when he was transferred to DPS and served as a Police Officer 1 under the Patrol Unit.

In 2016, Davis was reassigned to DPS Criminal Investigative Unit. In 2018, Davis was promoted to Police Officer 2.

In February 2022, he was reassigned to DPS' Boating Safety Unit until his untimely passing on Oct. 18, 2022." He was 35.

DONATION

Sen. Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero (D-Saipan), and Reps. Denita K. Yangetmai (D- Saipan) and Corina L. Magofna (D-Saipan) pose with their staff and some family members after the installation of a children's slide worth $3,500 at the playground of the Carolinian Affairs across Bank of Guam in Garapan last Wednesday. DeLeon Guerrero donated the slide using her remaining operations fund. CAO and Parks and Recreation staff helped assemble it.

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Business

Crowne Plaza makes debut in Micronesia

From left: Robert Coates, general manager Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan; Thomas Mayrhofer, regional general manager Crowne Plaza Resort Guam and Saipan; Abhijay Sandilya, managing director IHG Japan; Lydia Tan, Jerry Tan, president and CEO Tan Holdings; Gov. Ralph DLG Torres; Bishop Ryan Jimenez; Diann Torres, first lady of the Northern Mariana Islands; Jennifer Tan, director S.A.I Leisure; and House of Representatives Speaker Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan) during Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan's ribbon-cutting ceremony last Oct. 31. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

IHG Hotels & Resorts has officially opened its first Crowne Plaza Resort in Micronesia, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan, marking the brand's debut with a grand opening ceremony on Oct. 31.

More than 200 government and industry officials attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony, including Gov. Ralph DLG Torres.

Guests can now experience the new era of Crowne Plaza in the region with transformed guestrooms, dining destinations and premium facilities from swimming pools to tennis courts.

Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts is one of the world's largest premium hotel brands, with more than 400 hotels in major cities and resort locations in 65 countries. With a deep understanding of the needs of today's global traveler, Crowne Plaza is renowned for its Work/Life blend, encouraging guests to move seamlessly between business and leisure with purposeful multi-functional rooms, flexible workspaces, inspired restaurant and dining experiences and energizing social spaces.

Introducing Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan

Located in the heart of Garapan, Saipan's premier shopping and entertainment district, Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan boasts access to some of the area's most coveted attractions, including the famous white-sand Micro Beach right on the resort's doorstep. Guests will be greeted by the resort's lush tropical gardens and panoramic views of Micro Beach, with Crowne Plaza's warm and friendly hospitality ensuring a seamless arrival.

Each of the 422 guestrooms have been redesigned with a modern and design-led approach, welcoming guests with a luxurious resort feel and views across the ocean or mountains. The rooms are equipped to offer maximum relaxation and flexibility, with premium bedding, wireless internet and work desks.

Inspired restaurant and bars experiences

Inspired restaurants and bar concepts sit at the heart of the resort. Guests will have five destinations to choose from, with experienced chefs creating a theatrical and varied menu across the venues. The main dining room, The Terrace, offers a buffet of local and international cuisine. The open-air Market Place offers an elegant dining experience with a diverse menu of freshly baked pastries, cakes, salads, sandwiches, healthy dining options and its signature gelato. And at the end of the day, guests can unwind watching the spectacular sunset over the ocean with a cocktail or glass of champagne in hand at Mari Bar, a resort bar specializing in island cocktails. Future plans include the opening of Mai Teppanyaki in early 2023, where guests can enjoy the fresh, carefully selected ingredients, and the Ataari Dinner Show, a dining and entertainment show featuring powerful traditional dances and a delicious buffet of Polynesian, Micronesian and other cultures.

» Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan holds grand opening

Resort facilities and experiences

The resort offers a wide range of activities to make each guest stay truly unforgettable, including three swimming pools, two tennis courts, 24-hour fitness center, dedicated games corner and kid's programs. The resort facilities were completely renovated and reopened in October. Guests will also immerse in the incredible surrounds of Saipan and its beaches, with water activities including paddle boarding and snorkeling, as well as island excursions, boat tours, diving and fishing.

Banqueting and meeting rooms are also available for a variety of functions, including memorable weddings, social parties and large business conferences.

"We are tremendously proud to be officially opening the first Crowne Plaza Resort in Micronesia. Saipan is one of the most spectacular destinations in the world with its abundant nature, white sandy beaches, crystal clear waters and activities from beautiful golf courses to world-class diving spots. We look forward to introducing our new resort experience to locals and visitors alike," said Crowne Plaza Resort Saipan general manager Robert Coates. ***(PR)***

Nation

Police: Suspect wanted to break speaker's knees

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—The man accused of attacking House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband with a hammer told police he wanted to hold the Democratic leader hostage and "break her kneecaps" to show other members of Congress there were "consequences to actions," authorities said Monday.

In a chilling federal complaint, officials say David DePape, 42, carrying zip ties, tape and a rope in a backpack, broke into the couple's San Francisco home early Friday morning, went upstairs where 82-year-old Paul Pelosi was sleeping, and demanded to talk to "Nancy."

"This house and the speaker herself were specifically targets," San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins said at a Monday evening news conference announcing state charges against DePape, including attempted murder.

"This was politically motivated," Jenkins said. She implored the public to "watch the words that we say and to turn down the volume of our political rhetoric."

Investigators believe DePape had been researching in advance to target Pelosi, Jenkins said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"This was not something that he did at the spur of the moment," she said.

DePape

In a statement late Monday, Speaker Pelosi said her family was "most grateful" for "thousands of messages conveying concern, prayers and warm wishes." Her husband underwent surgery for a fractured skull and other injuries after the attack. She said he was making "steady progress on what will be a long recovery process."

The stark narrative laid out by state and federal prosecutors stands in contrast to the mocking jokes and conspiracy theories circulated by far-right figures and even some leading Republicans just a week before midterm elections. A record number of security threats are being reported against lawmakers and election officials.

At a campaign event Monday in Arizona, Kari Lake, the Republican candidate for governor, drew hearty laughs as she joked about security at the Pelosi home.

In addition to the state charges, DePape was also charged Monday in federal court with influencing, impeding or retaliating against a federal official by threatening or injuring a family member. He also faces one count of attempted kidnapping of a United States official because of their official duties.

No attorney has been listed for DePape. He is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday on the state charges, and prosecutors will ask for him to be held in jail without bail.

Authorities said DePape smashed a glass door in the back of the home with a hammer, went to the upstairs bedroom and told a surprised Paul Pelosi to wake up.

When Paul Pelosi told the intruder his wife was not home, DePape said he would wait — even after being told she would not be home for some days. The assailant then started taking out twist ties to tie Pelosi up, the complaint says.

DePape told investigators he wanted to talk to Speaker Pelosi and viewed her as the "leader of the pack of lies told by the Democratic Party," according to the eight-page complaint.

"If she were to tell DePape the 'truth,' he would let her go and if she 'lied,' he was going to break her kneecaps," the complaint alleges.

House GOP's possible newcomers include outsiders, extremists

WASHINGTON (AP)—At least three Republicans running for the U.S. House attended the "Stop the Steal" rally on Jan. 6, 2021, and made their way toward the U.S. Capitol during the insurrection to stop Joe Biden's election.

Countless other House Republican candidates are skeptics and deniers of the 2020 election lost by Donald Trump.

There are veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, small-business owners and the most geographically, racially and culturally diverse group of Republicans seeking House seats in the modern era — many of whom, like Trump in 2016, are political newcomers who have never held elected office.

All told, the House GOP's Class of 2022 midterm candidates includes a new generation of political outsiders, populists and some extremists who could bring an intensity to Capitol Hill. They would be an untested and potentially unruly majority if Republicans win the House in the Nov. 8 election.

"Trump inspires all of this," said John Feehery, a Republican strategist who was the long-serving spokesperson for former Republican House Speaker Dennis Hastert.

"There's not a lot of shrinking violets," Feehery said about the House Republican candidates. "Not a lot of people trying to be moderates. They're warriors for their beliefs."

Republicans are increasingly confident they will win control of the House, confronting Democrats on a widening map. The party in the White House traditionally suffers setbacks in the president's midterm, and Democrats are weighed down by Biden's lagging approval ratings and voter unease over inflation's grip on the economy.

In many ways, Republicans are reassembling the Trump coalition with a well-funded but unusual alliance of candidates reflecting his supporters: charismatic Trump-styled media stars, "America First" military veterans, women, minorities and what's left of the GOP's traditional conservatives.

"This is going to be the most diverse class of Republicans—ever— n every sense of the word," said Carlos Curbelo, a Republican former congressman from Florida. "What it means for governing is a big question mark."

To be sure, some of the House Republican candidates are familiar with elected office or more moderate conservatives who have come up through the ranks of public service — like the former mayor of Cranston, Rhode Island, Allan Fung, the son of immigrants who is working to flip a seat opened by a Democratic retirement.

World

S. Korea police admit responsibility for Halloween tragedy

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korea's police chief admitted "a heavy responsibility" for failing to prevent a recent crowd surge that killed more than 150 people during Halloween festivities in Seoul, saying Tuesday that officers didn't effectively handle earlier emergency calls about the impending disaster.

The admission came as the South Korean government faces growing public scrutiny over whether the crowd surge Saturday night in Seoul's Itaewon district, a popular nightlife neighborhood, could have been prevented and who should take the responsibility for the country's worst disaster in years.

"I feel a heavy responsibility (for the disaster) as the head of one of related government offices," Yoon Hee Keun, commissioner general of the Korean National Police Agency, told a televised news conference. "Police will do their best to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again."

Yoon said an initial investigation has found that there were many urgent calls by citizens notifying authorities about the potential danger of a crowd gathering in Itaewon, but officers who had received those calls didn't respond to them in a satisfactory manner.

Yoon said police have subsequently launched an intense internal probe to look deeper into the officers' handling of the emergency calls and other issues like their on-the-spot response to the crowd surge in Itaewon at that night.

The disaster — which left at least 156 people dead and 151 others injured — was concentrated in a downhill, narrow alley in Itaewon. Witnesses described people falling on one another, suffering severe breathing difficulties and falling unconscious. They also recalled rescuers and ambulances failed to reach the crammed alleys in time because the entire Itaewon area was extremely packed with slow-moving vehicles and a crowd of partygoers clad in Halloween costumes.

After the disaster, police launched a 475-member task force to find its cause.

Senior police officer Nam Gu-Jun told reporters Monday that officers have obtained videos taken by about 50 security cameras in the area and were analyzing video clips posted on social media. Nam said police have also interviewed more than 40 witnesses and survivors so far.

Police said they had sent 137 officers to maintain order during Halloween festivities on Saturday, much more than the 34-90 officers mobilized in 2017, 2018 and 2019 before the pandemic. But some observers questioned whether the 137 officers were enough to handle the estimated 100,00 people gathered Saturday in Itaewon.

Adding more questions about the role of police was the fact that they sent 7,000 officers to another part of Seoul earlier Saturday to monitor dueling protests involving tens of thousands of people. Police also acknowledged that the 137 officers dispatched to Itaewon were primarily assigned to monitor crime, with a particular focus on narcotics use — not the crowd control.

The death toll could rise as officials said that 29 of the injured were in serious condition. The dead included some 26 foreign nationals from Iran, China, Russia, the United States, Japan and elsewhere.

The Itaewon area, known for its expat-friendly, cosmopolitan atmosphere, is the country's hottest spot for Halloween-themed events and parties, with young South Koreans taking part in costume competitions at bars, clubs and restaurants. Saturday's gathering of the estimated 100,000 people in Itaewon was the biggest Halloween celebration in the area since the pandemic began.

Halloween festivities in Itaewon have no official organizers. South Korean police said Monday they don't have any specific procedures for handling incidents such as crowd surges during an event that has no organizers.

Heavy Russian barrage on Ukraine, no water for much of Kyiv

KYIV, Ukraine (AP)—A massive barrage of Russian cruise missile and drone strikes hit critical infrastructure in Kyiv, Kharkiv and other Ukrainian cities early Monday, knocking out water and power supplies in retaliation for what Moscow alleged was a Ukrainian attack on its Black Sea Fleet.

Russia has intensified its attacks on Ukraine's power plants and other key infrastructure as the war enters its ninth month, forcing rolling power cuts.

"The Kremlin is taking revenge for military failures on peaceful people who are left without electricity and heat before the winter," Kyiv region Gov. Oleksii Kuleba said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed that Monday's bombardment was meant to retaliate for what he said was Saturday's unsuccessful Ukrainian aerial and underwater drone attack on Russia's Sevastopol-based Black Sea Fleet on the Russian-annexed Crimea Peninsula.

"Partly, yes. But it's not all we could have done," Putin responded, regarding retaliation, at a press conference in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi.

He claimed Ukrainian drones had traveled to their targets through an internationally agreed zone meant to ensure the safety of ships exporting grain from Ukrainian ports. The threat from such a trajectory endangered Russian ships patrolling the zone as well as the grain ships themselves, Putin said, justifying his country's suspension of its participation in the deal that enabled the exports.

Russia's Defense Ministry said its forces carried out "strikes with long-range, high-precision air- and sea-based weapons against the military command and energy systems of Ukraine."

"The goals of the strikes were achieved. All designated targets were hit," the ministry said.

Meanwhile, 12 ships with grain left Ukrainian ports on Monday despite a Russian threat to reimpose a blockade that threatened hunger across the world, Ukraine's Ministry of Infrastructure said. But the grain transport was thrown into doubt after Russia's Defense Ministry said in a statement late Monday that "traffic along the security corridor defined by the Black Sea Initiative has been suspended" over allegations that Ukraine has been using the zone to strike Russian forces.

In Monday's ground attacks, Ukraine's air force said it shot down 44 of more than 50 cruise missiles that Russia launched.

WORLD BRIEFS

Israelis vote again, as political crisis grinds on

JERUSALEM (AP)—For the fifth time since 2019, Israelis were voting in national elections on Tuesday, hoping to break the political deadlock that has paralyzed the country for the past three and a half years.

Although the cost of living is surging, Israeli-Palestinian tensions are boiling over and Iran remains a central threat, the foremost issue in the vote once again is former leader Benjamin Netanyahu and his fitness to serve amid corruption charges. His main rival is the man who helped oust him last year, the centrist caretaker Prime Minister Yair Lapid.

Polls have predicted a similar result: stalemate. But a powerful new player is threatening to shake things up. Itamar Ben-Gvir, a leading far-right politician, has surged in opinion polls recently and will be seeking a harder line against the Palestinians if he helps propel Netanyahu to victory.

Man hurls firebombs at UK immigration center, kills himself

LONDON (AP)—An attacker threw firebombs an immigration center in the English port town of Dover on Sunday before killing himself, officials said. Two other people were lightly injured in the attack and over 700 migrants had to be relocated.

The Kent Police force said "two to three incendiary devices" were thrown at the facility where recently arrived migrants are taken, and two people received "minor injuries."

A news photographer at the scene said a man drove up and threw three gas bombs at the facility before driving to a nearby gas station and killing himself.

Police confirmed that "the suspect was identified, and very quickly located at a nearby petrol station, and confirmed deceased." The force said "a further device was found and confirmed safe within the suspect's vehicle."

Russia recruiting US-trained Afghan commandos, vets say

Afghan special forces soldiers who fought alongside American troops and then fled to Iran after the chaotic U.S. withdrawal last year are now being recruited by the Russian military to fight in Ukraine, three former Afghan generals told The Associated Press.

They said the Russians want to attract thousands of the former elite Afghan commandos into a "foreign legion" with offers of steady, $1,500-a-month payments and promises of safe havens for themselves and their families so they can avoid deportation home to what many assume would be death at the hands of the Taliban.

"They don't want to go fight — but they have no choice," said one of the generals, Abdul Raof Arghandiwal, adding that the dozen or so commandos in Iran with whom he has texted fear deportation most. "They ask me, 'Give me a solution. What should we do? If we go back to Afghanistan, the Taliban will kill us.'"

Arghandiwal said the recruiting is led by the Russian mercenary force Wagner Group. Another general, Hibatullah Alizai, the last Afghan army chief before the Taliban took over, said the effort is also being helped by a former Afghan special forces commander who lived in Russia and speaks the language. ***(AP)***

In loving memory of
Jaxxon Blaise Castro Tudela
Born to life on October 14, 2021
Called to Eternal life on October 29, 2022
In his new life, Jaxxon will be met at the gates of Heaven by his:
Paternal Great Granmother — Inocencia T. Tudela
Maternal Great Grandmothers — Maria B. Cruz, Inez M. Castro, Monica C. Lizama
Maternal Great Grandfather — Ignacio C. Castro, Joaquin C. Lizama
His loving memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Father — Kevin Jake Tudela
Mother — Joni Francesca Cruz Castro
Brother — Kevin James Castro Tudela
Paternal Great Grandfather — Jesus C. Tudela
Paternal Grandparents — Delcina T. Tudela & Guillermo S. Agulto
Francisco S. Deleon Guerrero
Maternal Grandparents — Francisca C. Castro & Joaquin M. Castro
Paternal Uncle — Jessike T. Agulto
Maternal Aunts & Uncles/In-laws — Jackie C. Aguon/Jesse Aguon & Family
Joaquin C. Castro Jr/Yvonne Passi & Family
Julenne C. Castro & Family
Numerous cousins, aunts, uncles and friends will miss him dearly
Mass is being offered nightly at 6:00 p.m. with the exception for Wednesday, 11/02/2022 it will be offered at 6:00 a.m. at the San Jose Church.
On Saturday, November 5, 2022 at 7:30 a.m. he will be escorted from the Commonwealth Health Center Chapel to San Jose Church. Viewing will be held immediately after the Responso at 8:00 a.m. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m followed by the burial of our beloved at the Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.
Your thoughts, prayers, words of comfort and presence are sincerely appreciated.
Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Ghilisou, and Thank you
Gineen I Familia

Good Housekeeping

DESIGN BY NUMBERS

By CATHY HOBBS
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

There is often a rhythm and cadence to design, just like with other creative mediums. With design, typical questions involve the dilemma of groupings.

For example, should items be placed in pairs? Is there a truth to the power of threes?

In many cases, both can work well, in addition to a simple series of odd or even groupings often simply referred to in interior design as vignettes.

Let's take a closer look at some of the best ways to design by numbers.

DO'S

1. Do consider hanging art in a series. Two pieces in a series are known as a diptych; three pieces are known as a triptych.
2. Do repeat a rhythm or pattern in a space. For example, use various groupings of odd-numbered elements.
3. Do mix and match various elements in a grouping to help add interest, color and texture.

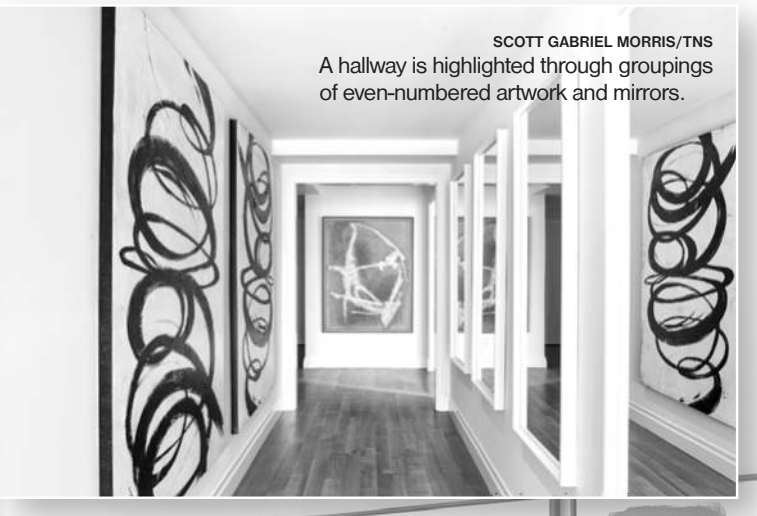
A pairing of accessories helps create a sense of symmetry. HANDOUT/TNS

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Three pieces of art hung in a series helps add rhythm to this dining room area.

DON'TS

1. Don't place items without thought and purpose.
2. Don't overcrowd with too many elements. You don't want to overload the eye with an abundance of decor.
3. Don't ignore the power of repetition such as repeating a decor element, color or pattern in a space to create cohesion.

SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
Mirrors hung in series of threes help reflect light in this home work environment.



SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS
A hallway is highlighted through groupings of even-numbered artwork and mirrors.

HANDOUT/TNS
Pairings of large abstract art help to anchor this living and dining space.

Life & Style

Perfect 10: Taylor Swift sets Billboard Hot 100 first

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Taylor Swift scored a 10 out of 10 as she became the first artist in history to claim the top 10 slots of the Billboard Hot 100 chart with tracks from her new record "Midnights."

Billboard reported Monday that Swift surpassed Drake, who had held the previous record with nine of the top 10 songs for a week in September 2021.

"10 out of 10 of the Hot 100??? On my 10th album??? I AM IN SHAMBLES," the pop star tweeted Monday.

The new album came out Oct. 21 with both a 13-track standard release and a deluxe version with another seven bonus tracks. It has had one of the biggest album launches in nearly seven years. Billboard also reported that Swift now ties with Barbra Streisand for the female artist with the most No. 1 albums.

Swift

The No. 1 spot belongs to "Anti-Hero," whose lyrics "It's me/hi/I'm the problem/ It's me" have quickly become a TikTok trend. The other top 10 songs include "Lavender Haze," "Maroon," "Snow on the Beach," "Midnight Rain," "Bejeweled" and "Question...?"

The numbers are for the week Oct. 21-Oct. 27.

Toulouse-Lautrec work hit with fake blood at Berlin museum

BERLIN (AP)—A painting by famed 19th-century French artist Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec was doused with fake blood at a Berlin museum in an act reminiscent of recent climate activist protests, although there was no apparent link between them, officials said Monday.

The work was being examined for damage after a person threw the liquid at the glass-covered "Clown" in the Alte Nationalgalerie on Sunday and then glued one of their hands to the wall next to the work, according to Berlin's museum authority.

Police took the person into custody after detaching their hand from the wall.

The suspect was handing out leaflets before the incident, the authority said, but didn't provide details on their contents. It said it couldn't immediately detail any damage to the painting or frame, which were being examined at the museum's restoration workshop.

The head of the Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation, which oversees the museum authority, said Sunday that he was "appalled by this further senseless attack on art, which in this case apparently can't be attributed to any group active in climate policy," news agency dpa reported.

Hermann Parzinger said initial word was that there appeared to be no serious damage to the painting itself, but glue and dye had to be removed from the fabric-covered wall of the room where it was located.

The incident followed a string of demonstrations by the group Uprising of the Last Generation, whose actions in recent months have included blocking streets and throwing mashed potatoes at a Claude Monet painting at a museum in Potsdam, just outside Berlin.

Judge blocks Penguin Random House-Simon & Schuster merger

NEW YORK (AP)—A federal judge has blocked Penguin Random House's proposed purchase of Simon & Schuster, agreeing with the Justice Department that the joining of two of the world's biggest publishers could "lessen competition" for "top-selling books." The ruling was a victory for the Biden administration's tougher approach to proposed mergers, a break from decades of precedent under Democratic and Republican leadership.

U.S. District Court Judge Florence Y. Pan announced the decision in a brief statement Monday, adding that much of her ruling remained under seal at the moment because of "confidential information" and "highly confidential information." She asked the two sides to meet with her Friday and suggest redactions.

Penguin Random House quickly condemned the ruling, which it called "an unfortunate setback for readers and authors." In its statement Monday, the publisher said it would seek an expedited appeal.

Assistant Attorney General Jonathan Kanter of the Justice Department's Antitrust Division praised the decision, saying in a statement that the decision "protects vital competition for books and is a victory for authors, readers, and the free exchange of ideas."

Woman says Weinstein sexually assaulted her in 1991 and 2008

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A woman testified Monday that Harvey Weinstein sexually assaulted her in a hotel room during the Toronto Film Festival in 1991, then did it again when she went to confront him in the same hotel during the same festival 17 years later.

Kelly Sipherd told a Los Angeles jury that she was a 24-year-old aspiring actor at the 1991 festival and didn't know who Weinstein was before she met him at a party. She said her friends there were abuzz about the man whose company Miramax had surged to the forefront of independent film and was making its mark at the Oscars.

Sipherd said she was charmed by Weinstein at first as they discussed books and films.

"We got along very well," she said. "He was very intelligent. We had a wonderful conversation."

The Associated Press does not typically name people who say they have been sexually abused, but Sipherd agreed Monday to be named through her attorney.

She said the two of them left the party for a glass of wine at a nearby cafe, then she went with him to his room at the Four Seasons Hotel because he said he had a script for a film with a role that would be perfect for her.

Once there, he went into the bathroom and emerged wearing only an open shirt and holding a hot washcloth, Sipherd testified.

"It all happened very, very very quickly," she said. "I was in shock. It was so unexpected."

Weinstein

She said he pulled her skirt off, put the washcloth on her and told her "my wife loves this."

She testified that she felt "nauseous, scared, terrified" and repeatedly told him to stop and asked "what are you doing?"

She said he held her down and sexually assaulted her with his mouth and his hand. He then climbed on top of her and started to rape her but she was able to slip away and leave the room.

Sipherd testified that Weinstein called her at home repeatedly in the weeks that followed, and she often hung up, but eventually spoke to him.

"The encounter that you describe sounds horrifying," Weinstein attorney Alan Jackson told Sipherd in his cross-examination, saying Weinstein seemed like someone one would cross the street to avoid at all costs. "But you didn't walk the other way, or cross the street, or spit on him, you actually took his phone calls."

Sipherd eventually accepted an offer from him to come to New York and talk to a woman who does casting for him, but took a friend with plans to keep her constantly at her side.

"Your rapist was persuasive in trying to get you to come with him to see him in New York?" he asked. Sipherd replied, "yes."

In New York, she said Weinstein called her in her hotel room from the lobby and told her to get rid of her friend and he was coming up. She refused, and left New York having never seen him or the casting agent.

Already serving a 23-year sentence in New York, Weinstein, 70, has pleaded not guilty to 11 counts of rape and sexual assault involving five women in Los Angeles and has denied engaging in any non-consensual sex.

Divorcee's dating life has been a roller coaster ride

DEAR ABBY: Since my divorce, I have started dating again. I was seeing a firefighter until I realized he was married with kids. Yes, I was angry with him for hiding the truth from me from the start. Then I started dating another guy I thought was the one for me. I even had him move in with me.

At the beginning things went well, but now he has started to change. He doesn't pay as much attention to me as he did, and he thinks when I point out something I'm not comfortable with that I am trying to start a fight, which I'm not.

Since COVID started and I got injured and haven't been able to work, his attitude has been very off with me. Unless it's all about him or his job, he doesn't talk to me. My kids don't like him as much as they did, either.

I never lost touch with the firefighter. He is deeply in love with me, and I do still love him. He says when I kick the current man out he would move in and take care of me and treat me the way I should be treated. If the firefighter moves in, would that make me a homewrecker? He has told me he and his wife aren't doing well as a couple. I'm confused. I was very happy with him and also happy with the man who moved in with me — at first—but no more. What should I do?

THINKING TWICE

DEAR THINKING TWICE: Neither of these men is "The One." Because it's apparent you aren't getting what you need from the man who is living with you, tell him, as nicely as you can, you are no longer happy with the arrangement, and then set a date for him to move.

If the firefighter moves in, you WILL appear to be a homewrecker. Expect the fallout to be nasty. He is married and has kids for whom he will have to provide until they are adults. He should not move in until he has at least filed for divorce and some kind of legal settlement is in the works. His moving in will not guarantee that life will be bliss from then on. It is very important you learn how to be on your own before jumping into any relationship without knowing the men better—and longer— than you have been doing.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a married woman in my 50s with two adult children and one grandchild. I work as a nurse. I wear my hair short because I have thick, unruly hair. One day, at a local supermarket, I was walking down the aisles looking for my husband. A man and his wife had a young daughter about 6 years old with them. He called me a slang word for lesbian. I ignored him and continued walking. He looked annoyed that his word didn't bother me. (I am not a confrontational person.)

When I got home, I was thinking about the incident. It bothered me that he was teaching his young daughter that it's OK to call people names. When I see or meet people, I notice if they are kind and show manners, I don't think about whether they're gay or not. Was I right to ignore him and walk away?

SHORT-HAIRED IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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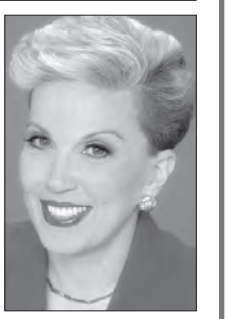

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

DEAR SHORT-HAIRED: You were absolutely right to keep walking. There was nothing to be gained by trying to educate an ignorant homophobe who appears to have been trying to start a fight. The best reaction you could have given was the one you did—which was to prevent him getting a rise out of you. But I'm sorry you didn't inform your husband when it happened.

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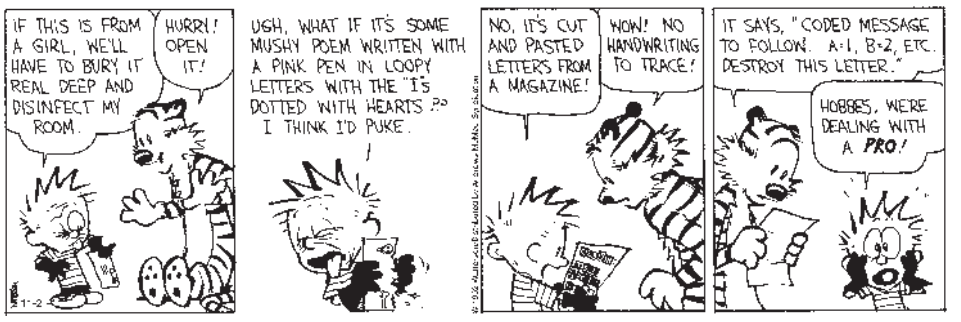
Good advice for everyone – teens to seniors – is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $8 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IF THIS IS FROM A GIRL, WE'LL HAVE TO BURY IT REAL DEEP AND DISINFECT MY ROOM.
HURRY! OPEN IT!
UGH, WHAT IF IT'S SOME MUSHY POEM WRITTEN WITH A PINK PEN IN LOOPY LETTERS WITH THE "I'S DOTTED WITH HEARTS ?" I THINK I'D PUKE.
NO, IT'S CUT AND PASTED LETTERS FROM A MAGAZINE!
WOW! NO HANDWRITING TO TRACE!
IT SAYS, "CODED MESSAGE TO FOLLOW. A=1, B=2, ETC. DESTROY THIS LETTER."
HOBBES, WE'RE DEALING WITH A PRO!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

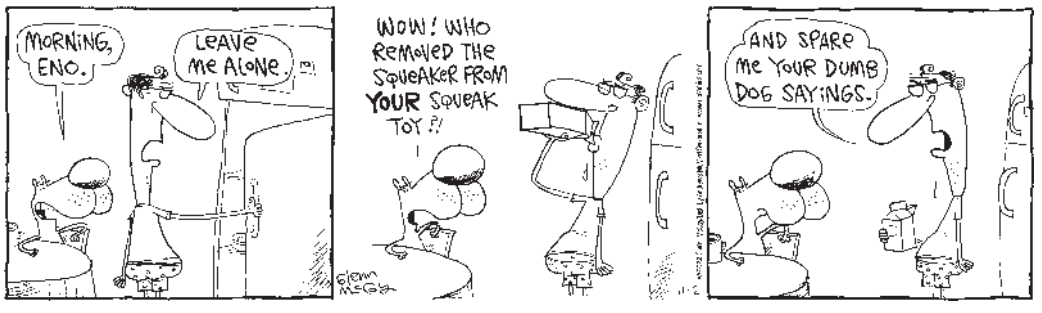
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

WHAT DO YOU WANT, CLAYTON?
ICE CRE
DO YOU HAVE ANY HALLOWEEN FLAVORS?
NO. HALLOWEEN'S OVER.
OH, HE KNOWS. WE'RE HERE TO CHEER HIM UP.
COULD YOU SCULPT A SCOOP INTO A SKULL?
I'D LOVE TO, BUT IT'S AGAINST COMPANY POLICY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Recede
4 "Gloria in Excelsis —"
7 Loyal
8 Two-somes
10 "Peachy!"
11 Bassett of "Malcolm X"
13 Be selective
16 Crumb mover
17 Jaunty chapeau
18 Unpaid TV spot
19 Rent
20 Ante-lope's playmate
21 Norwe-gian inlet
23 Orange peels
25 Reunion attendee
26 Facts and figures
27 Fa follower
28 "Trum-peter" birds
30 — Paulo, Brazil
33 Computer user's moves
36 Take back
37 Desert haven
38 Dia-critical mark
39 Burden
40 Yacht spot

DOWN

41 ISP option
1 Upright
2 Greater portion
3 Dwell on
4 Alvin Ailey's forte
5 Octet count
6 Sweet sandwich
7 Clone
8 San Diego player
9 On an angle
10 Resort
12 Ninnies
14 Dweeb
15 Listener
19 Male cat
20 Crime lab evidence
21 Ocean bottom
22 Romeo's love
23 McNally partner
24 "Brrr!"
25 Nile reptile
26 "Inferno" author
28 Trite
29 Come-dian Sykes
30 Twine fiber
31 Battery fluid
32 Approves
34 "JAG" spin-off
35 Cambo-dia neighbor

Solution time: 23 mins.

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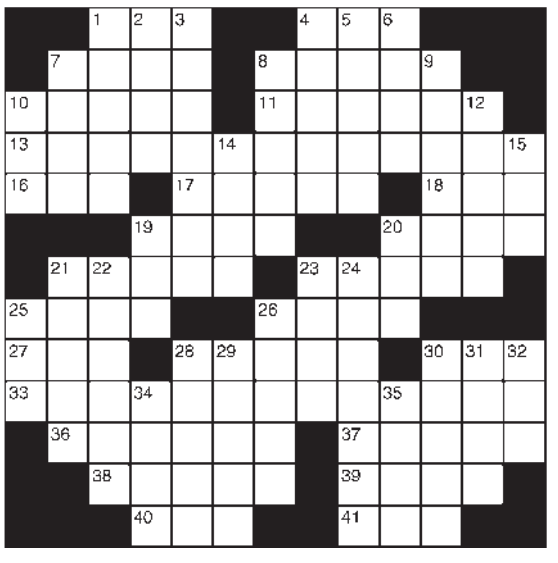
Yesterday's answer 11-2



STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955**! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jon M. Chu, 43; Marisol Nichols, 49; David Schwimmer, 56; k.d. lang, 61.

Happy Birthday: Expanding your interests and circle of friends will tempt you, but before you make time-consuming and costly changes, put together a financial plan. Choose a responsible course of action to help you maintain a healthy, affordable lifestyle. A trendy new look will attract attention and give you the boost you need to follow your heart. Your numbers are 6, 18, 25, 29, 33, 43, 48.

ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Take responsibility and finish what you start. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans or promises. Be straightforward regarding what you can do and what you need others to contribute to ensure everything runs smoothly. Control the outcome. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* A change will give you a different perspective on life, love and what's possible. Dig in and try your hand at something new. The impact your success has will encourage you to be less fearful and more confident in pursuing your dreams. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Offer explicit information and call out anyone who offers hypothetical plans with no real potential to manifest into something lucrative or special. Trust in your judgment, experience and ability to outmaneuver anyone who tries to compete with you. ✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Consider what you enjoy doing most and head in that direction. Find additional information, skills and qualifications to help you land a position of choice. Connect with people who can help you reach your goal. Romance and personal growth are favored. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Prepare to do the work yourself. It's up to you to concentrate on reaching your target on time and within budget. Take measures to lower your overhead. Practicing efficiency or finding a less expensive place to live will help you maintain an affordable lifestyle. ✪✪✪

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22):* Not everything will make sense or fit into your plans. Listen to suggestions, but in the end, head down the path that provides you with satisfaction, joy and concrete results. Socializing or mixing business with pleasure will bring positive results. ✪✪✪

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22):* A wholehearted attempt will turn out just the way you want. Leverage your talent, discipline and enthusiasm to win a spot on a team you feel shares your interests. Travel, experience and educational pursuits will get you where you want to go. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21):* Manage domestic responsibilities. Do what you can to improve your surroundings, but budget for and hire an expert if necessary. A change of heart will leave you questioning your next move. Distance yourself from people who don't share your beliefs and values. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Stick to the truth and take care of business. Refuse to let anyone stand between you and what you want to achieve. Be realistic regarding relationships and the way you allow someone to treat you. Know when to say no and walk away. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Establish what you are willing and capable of doing, and go about your business. A discussion with a friend or relative will offer insight into options you hadn't considered. Take the road less traveled and learn as you go. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18):* Learn from experience and make decisions that will help you ward off disruption and encourage you to focus on putting your responsibilities behind you. Worrying over something you cannot change is a waste of time. Finish what you start. ✪✪✪

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Pay attention to money matters, and a financial gain will come your way. An unexpected opportunity will take you on an adventure that will give you hope for better days ahead. Stop worrying over things you cannot change. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are indecisive, original and playful. You are energetic and demonstrative.

✪: Avoid conflicts; work behind the scenes. ✪✪: You can accomplish, but don't rely on others. ✪✪✪: Focus and you'll reach your goals. ✪✪✪✪: Aim high; start new projects. ✪✪✪✪✪: Nothing can stop you; go for gold.

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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6			4	8	1			7
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	6	8	1	9	6	7		

Difficulty Level ★★★ 11/02

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's Answer

2	4	1	3	9	6	5	8	7
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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the **WONDERWORD.**

SOME FILIPINOS SPEAK TAGALOG Solution: 6 letters

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Jazz rout Grizzlies 121-105, improve to 4-0 at home

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Playing fearless is fueling success for the Utah Jazz.

Lauri Markkanen had 31 points and 10 rebounds, and the Jazz dominated on both ends of the court Monday night in a 121-105 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

Utah repeatedly contested shots, crashed the boards and forced turnovers. On offense, the Jazz were equally relentless in knocking down one outside jumper after another.

"Nobody is backing down or afraid of anything," veteran guard Mike Conley said. "That's who we are. We are that team and it's fun to be around that — guys who are scrappy that don't care about getting elbowed and don't care about fouling too many times."

Markkanen made a season-high 11 field goals while shooting 69% from the floor.

He made an equally forceful impact as a defender, contesting shots and keeping shooters uncomfortable in the paint.

"He has good feet, and he knows how to use his size and length. He's a legit 7-footer," Jazz coach Will Hardy said. "His size, coupled with his ability to move, makes him a good defender."

Malik Beasley added a season-high 18 points off the bench for the Jazz. Conley and Collin Sexton chipped in 15 apiece. Utah made 19 3-pointers to earn its second win over Memphis in three days.

Ja Morant had 37 points to pace the Grizzlies. Dillon Brooks added 19 points and Tyus Jones chipped in 12. Memphis shot 6 of 26 from 3-point range.

"Everything was on us," Morant said. "We weren't communicating, rotating, and we were just giving them easy looks."

Morant went 5 for 5 from the floor in the first quarter and helped Memphis grab a 26-23 lead. He had 21 points by halftime.

AP

Memphis Grizzlies guard Ja Morant (12) goes to the basket as Utah Jazz forward Lauri Markkanen (23) defends during the first half of an NBA basketball game Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, in Salt Lake City.

Things unraveled for the Grizzlies in the second period amid a flurry of turnovers and a long shooting drought. Utah held Memphis to a single basket in 6 1/2 minutes. The Jazz also forced eight turnovers during the quarter and scored 10 points off those takeaways.

That opened the door for Utah to take control before halftime. The Jazz ripped off a 24-5 run, punctuated by Jordan Clarkson's four-point play, to seize a 54-38 lead.

Utah outscored the Grizzlies 38-18 in the second quarter and limited Memphis to 32% shooting from the field. The Jazz also had 38 second-quarter points in their win over the Grizzlies on Saturday night.

"We lost our spirit there in the second quarter and they took advantage," Memphis coach Taylor Jenkins said.

Utah extended its lead to 23 by the end of the third after making seven 3-pointers in the quarter.

Clippers 95, Rockets 93

In Los Angeles, Paul George hit a go-ahead jumper with six seconds remaining, finishing with 35 points as the Los Angeles Clippers edged past the Houston Rockets 95-93 on Monday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

Ivica Zubac added 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Clippers, who played without Kawhi Leonard and John Wall. Leonard missed his fifth game and Wall sat out his second, both because of knee injury management.

K.J. Martin scored 23 points off the bench to lead the Rockets (1-8), who dropped their fourth in a row.

George's 3-pointer tied the game 93-all with 39 seconds remaining. That got fans on their feet for the final seconds.

George stole the ball from former Clipper Eric Gordon. After another timeout, Reggie Jackson inbounded to George, who hit a jumper that gave the Clippers their first lead of the fourth quarter.

Gordon's shot missed at the buzzer and he gestured to indicate he thought he'd been fouled.

Bucks 110, Pistons 108

In Milwaukee, Jrue Holiday hit a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 45.3 seconds left and finished with 25 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds as the Milwaukee Bucks edged the Detroit Pistons 110-108 on Monday night to extend their season-opening win streak to six games.

Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 31 points and Brook Lopez had 24 to help the Bucks remain the NBA's only undefeated team. Bobby Portis added 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Cade Cunningham scored 27 points and Bojan Bogdanovic added 23 for the Pistons. Jaden Ivey scored 19, Hamidou Diallo 13, Isaiah Stewart 11 and Saddiq Bey 10 for Detroit.

One night after beating the defending champion Golden State Warriors to snap a five-game skid, the young Pistons nearly took down another NBA heavyweight.

Although they never led, the Pistons rallied from a 16-point deficit to tie the score at 105-all when Cunningham found Isaiah Stewart under the basket with 57.6 seconds left. Holiday answered by sinking a step-back 26-footer on Milwaukee's next possession.

Nets 116, Pacers 109

In New York, Kevin Durant scored 36 points to lift Brooklyn to a much-needed win over Indiana.

Durant authored some personal and franchise history in Brooklyn's second win of the season (2-5). With two free throws in the first quarter, Durant passed Vince Carter for 19th on the NBA's career scoringt list. He now has 25,754. points. And, he has scored at least 25 points in each of the first seven games of the season, the most in franchise history.

Kyrie Irving added 28 points and Nic Claxton had 19 points and nine rebounds.

Despite a 30-point performance from Chris Duarte, Indiana dropped to 3-5. Buddy Hield chipped in with 22. Bennedict Mathurin contributed 16, and Tyrese Haliburton had 11.

76ers 118, Wizards 111

In Washington, James Harden scored 23 points and had 17 assists as Philadelphia clawed back to .500 with a victory over Washington despite missing Joel Embiid.

Tyrese Maxey added 28 points for Philadelphia. Georges Niang sank all four of his 3-pointers in the second half — including three in the fourth quarter — and finished with 12 points as the 76ers won their third straight to move to 4-4.

Embiid, the back-to-back NBA MVP finalist, missed out due to non-COVID-19 related illness.

Kristaps Porzingis scored 32 points and Bradley Beal added 19 for Washington, which lost its third in a row and second at home.

Kings 115, Hornets 108

In Charlotte, N.C., Kevin Huerter scored 26 points, Davion Mitchell added 23 points, including two clutch jumpers late in the game, and Sacramento rallied from a 15-point halftime deficit to beat Charlotte for its second straight win.

Huerter and Mitchell combined to go 10 of 16 from 3-point range and Harrison Barnes added 14 points as the Kings outscored Charlotte to 37-18 in the third quarter.

P.J. Washington led the Hornets in scoring with 28 points. Kelly Oubre Jr. added 16 for Charlotte.

Raptors 139, Hawks 109

In Toronto, Pascal Siakam had 31 points and 12 rebounds and Scottie Barnes scored a season-high 21 points as Toronto routed Atlanta.

Gary Trent Jr. scored 21 points and O.G. Anunoby had 14 as the Raptors set a season high in points and improved to 3-1 at home.

Siakam had six assists, his franchise-best 30th game with 20 or more points, 10 or more rebounds and five or more assists.

Trae Young had 14 points and 10 assists, and John Collins had 12 points and 12 rebounds before fouling out as the Hawks lost their second straight. Dejounte Murray scored 20 points for the Hawks, Clint Capela had 13 and De'Andre Hunter 11.

76ers stripped of 2nd-round picks next 2 years for tampering

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—The NBA stripped the Philadelphia 76ers of second-round draft picks in 2023 and 2024 on Monday after an investigation into tampering during offseason free-agency moves.

The league said the Sixers engaged in discussions involving free agents P.J. Tucker and Danuel House Jr. before the date when talks could begin. Teams were not allowed to have conversations with agents or players on free-agent contracts before 6 p.m. on June 30.

Tucker signed a $30 million, three-year contract and House signed for $8.4 million over two years. The Sixers were able to sign Tucker to the full mid-level exception and House to the bi-annual exception because star guard James Harden declined his $47.4 million option and agreed to be paid about $14.5 million less this coming season to give the 76ers flexibility in signing players.

AP

Philadelphia 76ers' P.J. Tucker saves a ball from going out of bounds during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Milwaukee Bucks, Thursday, Oct. 20, 2022, in Philadelphia.

If Harden had opted in before his June 30 deadline, Philadelphia would have had a much more difficult time finding the money to lure free agents.

"The Philadelphia 76ers fully cooperated with the NBA's investigation and acknowledge the league's ruling," the team said in a statement. "We're moving forward, focused on the season ahead."

The Sixers are hoping to make a run at the NBA title with a roster led by Joel Embiid and Harden. Tucker was brought in to be the defensive difference-maker the team lacked last season.

The NBA approved stiffer penalties for tampering in 2019 and stripped a draft pick from both the Chicago Bulls for early contact with Lonzo Ball and the Miami Heat for doing the same with Kyle Lowry in the summer of 2021.

Chubb runs for 2 TDs, Browns blast Burrow, Bengals 32-13

CLEVELAND (AP),For the first time this season, the Cleveland Browns put it all together and played like a complete team — offense, defense special teams.

Scary, on Halloween.

"It was one of those days where we imposed our will," quarterback Jacoby Brissett said.

Nick Chubb r ushed for two touchdowns and Myles Garrett and Cleveland's defense frustrated Joe Burrow as the Browns thrashed Cincinnati 32-13 on Monday night, keeping the Bengals star quarterback winless against them.

Garrett, who came to FirstEnergy Stadium wearing a Halloween costume, led a fired-up defense that sacked Burrow five times and held the Bengals (4-4) to 229 total yards — 100 in the first half.

"Myles was very good," Browns coach Kevin Stefanki said with a smile. "He does what No. 95 does. He was playing dominant out there. He is very difficult for people to block one on one. He gets a ton of attention, and when that happens, others are getting one on ones."

Burrow has already been to the Super Bowl in just three NFL seasons. However, the Ohio native has yet to beat Cleveland, dropping to 0-4 in four career starts against Cincinnati's AFC North rival.

The Browns (3-5) ended a four-game losing streak, and in the process saved their season from slipping away as they try to stay competitive while awaiting quarterback Deshaun Watson's return from an 11-game suspension.

AP

Cleveland Browns running back Nick Chubb (24) carries the ball with Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Chidobe Awuzie (22) and linebacker Germaine Pratt (57) defending during the first half of an NFL football game in Cleveland, Monday, Oct. 31, 2022.

Garrett was pleased with the performance, but as the Browns head into their bye, he stressed it won't mean anything without another one like it.

"It has to be routine. It has to be the standard," he said. "We have to make sure that everything we did leading up to this game is the same the week after this one. We wave what it takes. We have taken our lumps, but we will show what we have and our dedication to the game and what it takes to get wins in this league because they don't come easily.

"Right now, to get a win like this, and in a dominant fashion, it is showing the guys how good we can really be."

Brissett ran for a TD and passed for another, leading Cleveland to its fifth straight win over Cincinnati. He completed 17 of 22 for 278 yards and a career-high 133.7 rating while outplaying Burrow.

Chubb scored on runs of 3 and 11 yards, and Brissett added a 3-yard TD run and connected with Amari Cooper on a 4-yard pass in the second half as the Browns built a 25-0 lead while playing their best all-around game in 2022.

"The game was 25-0 before you even know it," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "We just didn't come back. The worst thing to do against the Cleveland Browns is to give them a two, three score lead with their running game and their pass rush."

Led by Garrett, Cleveland's defense, which has struggled for most of the season, put relentless pressure on Burrow, who was without top receiver Ja'Marr Chase because of a hip injury.

However, even a healthy Chase may not have been enough to help Burrow. He finished 25 of 35 for 232 yards with two TDs and one interception.

"He's one of the elite of the elite in the game," Burrow said of Garrett, who finished with 1 1'2 sacks. "He's always going to make plays like he did tonight."

Burrow connected on scoring passes in the fourth quarter to Tyler Boyd and Tee Higgins, but those only helped him pad his stats and took some sting out of the scoreboard.

Garrett set the tone for a scary performance for the Browns by dressing up as Vecna, the sinister alien-like character from the TV series "Stranger Things." This was indeed a strange night as the Browns finally looked like a competent team and recorded a lopsided win after so many close losses.

"We expect him to set the tone for us," Brissett said of Garrett. "He will come up and tell you that he fed off of a lot of those other guys. There were not a lot of places for them to throw the ball tonight, and that was because of the back end but also because of the front end."

It was Cleveland's second blowout of Cincinnati in the past two years. The Browns thumped the Bengals 41-6 in their first meeting last year.

"They've had our number the last couple of years," Burrow said. "They always play well against us, they have real good players in defense and are really well coached."

Cincinnati did not allow a second-half touchdown in its first seven games before the Browns scored three TDs after halftime.

With the trade deadline Tuesday, Browns running back Kareem Hunt has been involved in rumors for weeks. The chatter about his future began when he demanded to be dealt in August after the team failed to offer him a contract extension.

Hunt ran for 42 yards on 11 carries.

Former Browns cornerback Joe Haden served as the honorary game captain. He signed a one-day contract to officially retire with Cleveland, which drafted him in the first round in 2010. Haden was a two-time Pro Bowler during seven seasons with the Browns before playing for rival Pittsburgh.

World Series: Tied 1-all, Astros-Phils resume after rainout

The Phillie Phanatic, Dr. J and Mike Schmidt are ready — as are the Houston Astros and Philadelphia Phillies — to hit the field at the World Series after a rainout.

Game 3 was postponed Monday night with the teams tied 1-all, the washout at Citizens Bank Park pushing the entire Fall Classic schedule back by a day.

Astros right-hander Lance McCullers Jr. is still set to pitch Tuesday night. The Phillies changed their pitching plans, with Ranger Suárez now set to start instead of Noah Syndergaard.

The Astros and Phillies both worked out on the field Monday before the tarp was put down around 5 p.m. It started to rain soon after that and the game was called an hour before the scheduled first pitch.

"I'm glad we took some batting practice and played some balls off the wall. That's their real home-field advantage," Houston manager Dusty Baker said.

Phillies manager Rob Thomson was fine with the decision by Major League Baseball to postpone the game.

"Everybody would rather play in dry conditions. It's going to be fair for everybody," he said.

The wildly popular Phanatic didn't get to put on a Halloween performance — instead, the mascot will be in action when the calendar rolls over to November.

Philadelphia sports greats Julius Erving — Dr. J — and Schmidt had been set to throw out ceremonial balls, along with former Flyers star Bernie Parent and Eagles Super Bowl champion Brandon Graham.

LET'S PLAY TWO!

Monday's washout set up a juicy night of sports in Philly and Houston on Thursday.

While the Astros and Phillies square off for Game 5 in Pennsylvania, the undefeated Philadelphia Eagles will play in Houston against the Texans.

There has not been a World Series day game since 1987, and it appeared there was little discussion about turning Game 5 on Thursday into a late-afternoon start and keep it away from the NFL as it reigns as a ratings juggernaut. The Eagles-Texans game will stream exclusively on Amazon Prime Video. The World Series airs on Fox.

"For the World Series, an important consideration for us is having the biggest audience we can possibly get, and that's a prime-time audience. That's the reality," Manfred said. "We think we have a great product that fans want to see. And we're going to put the games on when it makes sense to play the games and hope to get a good audience."

Major League Baseball opted to push the entire Fall Classic schedule back a day, meaning Games 6 and 7 in Houston will move from Friday-Saturday to Saturday-Sunday, if necessary. All games will start at 8:03 p.m. ET.

WEATHER OR NOT

The weather forecast looks good for Game 3 on Tuesday night, with clear skies and temperatures in the low 60s at Citizens Bank Park. It's supposed to be fine for the rest of the games in Philly.

Inclement weather has intruded on previous World Series in Philadelphia.

In 2008, the Phillies had a 3-1 lead going into Game 5 at Citizens Bank Park. The Rays tied the score at 2 in the sixth inning on Oct. 27 when play was suspended with Philadelphia about to bat. The game began in light rain, but showers turned to a steady downpour and the field became a quagmire.

The Rays had to relocate to a hotel in Delaware because their room block only was reserved through that afternoon. Rain and snow showers didn't let up the next day and play resumed on Oct. 29 after a 46-hour suspension. "God Bless America" was sung rather than "The Star-Spangled Banner."

With fans bundled in parkas and blankets, Jayson Werth hit a run-scoring single in the bottom of the sixth, Rocco Baldelli tied the score with a seventh-inning homer off Ryan Madson, and Pedro Feliz hit an RBI single in the bottom of the seventh. The Phillies held on to win 4-3 for their second Series title and first since 1980.

The start of World Series games in Philadelphia were delayed by rain in 1993 against Toronto at Veterans Stadium and 2009 against the Yankees at Citizens Bank Park.

A PERFECT PLATE

Alex Bregman, Zack Wheeler and Yordan Alvarez were among those on the field who got attention in Game 2. Pat Hoberg wasn't — and for an umpire, that's always a good thing.

Hoberg called balls and strikes in Houston's 5-2 win Saturday night and delivered a perfect plate performance, going 129 for 129 on taken pitches, according to the web site umpscorecards.com. The site tracks every pitch of the season and uses advanced methods to analyze them.

Hoberg is 36 and joined the full-time umpiring staff in 2017. It would usually take an ump much longer to get such a plumb World Series assignment, but he ranked as the best pitch caller in the majors this year among umps with at least 30 games behind the plate. Umpscorecards said he had a 95.4% accuracy rate going into his first World Series. ***(AP)***

UOG Athletic Hall of Fame Names Class of 2022

The University of Guam has named their Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2022 and it features the first team award for the Triton Athletics and Field House Department.

Highlighting the Class of 2022 is the 1977 undefeated football team, that went 10-0 during the season and won the island championship. The team has had several members of the squad to be named to individual UOG Athletic Hall of Fame memberships in the past five classes.

Gamboa

Taispic

Tan

Underwood

Perez

Leading the way for the individual Hall of Fame members is Dr. Robert A. Underwood, the 10th President of the University of Guam, under whose leadership athletics was brought back after a 15-year absence with his "Good To Great" UOG program, that hired a new athletics director for the University and began a men's basketball team in the spring of 2016. Underwood served as the Guam Delegate to the US Congress as well as an instructor at UOG and the Academic Vice-President too.

Also being named to the Class of 2022 is UOG graduate, Jerry Tan, a 1983 graduate of UOG and a business and athletic leader on the island of Saipan, who has given much to the University of Guam. Tan is a major player in the push for Triton Athletics and Field House Department starting to recruit more student-athletes in the Northern Mariana Islands this past year and coming to UOG for their education and athletic development.

Tan was the force behind Saipan and the Northern Mariana Islands hosting the Pacific Mini-Games in 2022. Tan also received the very first UOG President's Medal recently, the highest award the President of UOG can bestow to an individual.

Another UOG former employee and student will enter the Athletic Hall of Fame is Larry Gamboa for his Men's Volleyball contributions to the island of Guam to include his representing Guam at the 1987 South Pacific Games. Mr. Gamboa was the Director of the Human Resource Office at UOG as well as the Director of the EEO/ADA/Title IX Office. Larry earned his bachelor's degree at UOG as well as an MBA degree.

Michelle Cruz Taispic will join the Hall of Fame as a women's volleyball/basketball player for UOG who represented UOG in the Universiade Games in Sheffield, England in 1991 with the Triton basketball team. She graduated from UOG in 1995. Michelle represented Guam in international volleyball several times to include four South Pacific or Pacific Games as well as five Micronesian Games with four gold medals and one silver medal. She represented Guam in one Pacific Games for basketball.

And the final new member of the Class of 2022 is Jesse Perez, a high-flying men's volleyball and basketball player who played for various UOG teams and represented Guam on the International stage in both sports. A silver medal winner in basketball from the 1991 South Pacific Games as well played in the South Pacific Games and Micronesian Games for volleyball. Jesse was rated by one local poll as the best multiple sport athlete on Guam of all time and the greatest ever in the sport of men's volleyball.

The Class of 2022 will be honored with a reception on Saturday, Nov. 12 in the UOG Calvo Field House and then UOG will host the Athletic Hall of Fame Basketball Game at 3:15pm with the award winners being inducted into the Hall of Fame at halftime. The basketball event and induction of the award winners will be shown "Live" on PBS Guam Channel 12 coverage of the basketball game. ***(PR)***

MPU FC Pink and Blue defeat foes in U13 boys

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The MPU Football Club Pink defeated Shirley's, 6-2, while MPU Blue Football Club slipped past Kanoa Football Club, 2-1, in Week 5 of the TakeCare Youth Soccer League Fall 2022 last Oct. 22 at the Northern Mariana Islands Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

The Pink team blew Shirley's FC out of the water as Moshe Sikkel found the net just four minutes into the game. Shirley's didn't retaliate until the 22nd minute and remained quiet until they scored their last goal in the second half.

Meanwhile, Leonard Delemarle and teammate Taiga Namai-Scoggins took turns attacking the net for MPU Pink, with Namai-Scoggins completing the hat-trick and scoring the sixth goal in the 47th minute.

The Blue team's Stephen Yeom and Landon Jordan scored the two goals with Jayson Tagabuel scoring the lone goal for Kanoa.

Results of Week 6 will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune*.

Matansa FC 3, TanHoldings FC 1

Matansa Football Club defeated TanHoldings Football Club, 3-1, in the first game of the day.

Prince Espiritu from Matansa scored early in the third minute with Benneton Haro claiming the last two goals.

Emerson Brillo scored the lone goal for TanHoldings.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
An MPU Pink player, left, goes against a Shirley's FC player in Week 5 of their U13 game last Oct. 22 at the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

Kanoa FC 1 5, MPU FC-1

Kanoa Football Club beat MPU Football Club, 5-1.

Aubrey White, Ye Lynn Ha, Beatrice Gross, and Elikristiana Iglecias scored the five goals for Kanoa and Addalee Taflinger scored the lone goal for MPU.

Southern United FC-3, Kanoa FC-2, 3

Southern United Football Club and Kanoa Football Club ended their match in a 3-3 draw.

Matansa FC 8, TanHoldings FC-1 2

Matansa FC also beat TanHoldings FC 1 black and blue in the U13 age group, 8-2.

U13 GIRLS DIVISION Paire FC 9, TanHoldings FC-2 1

In the U13 girls division, Paire Football Club triumphed over TanHoldings FC 2, 9-1.

Vanessa Bayog scored the lone goal for TanHoldings in the 22nd minute.

Paire's Alana Hayes, Caurie Staffler, and Windsor and Phoenix Gross, distributed the nine goals amongst themselves.

QUEENS

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puti, Kiana Camacho, Becky Repeki, Janice Celis, Rayna Deleon Guerrero, Allana Sumang, and Victoria Pangelinan all have one each.

For RBIs, Aldan is followed by Mardina Kaipat with 15 and Catalina DeIa Cruz with 13.

Over in the leading pitchers, Bert Camacho from the Queens is on top as well with a record of 51 innings pitched in nine games (8-1), earned run of 18, 81 hits against her, and an earned run average of 2.47.

Bert is in third place with the most strikeouts with 33. She follows Felisa Brel's 44 and Jennie Scaliem and Semerina Simram's 39 each.

The men's individual standings will be posted in the next editions of *Saipan Tribune.*

NMI

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tivated to keep improving his game upon his selection on the team and looks forward to experiencing what it's like to compete outside the NMI. Bautista has been with the program since the NMBA started working with junior players a couple of years ago and is pleased that her hard work the past seasons are paying off with her inclusion on the national squad.

Meanwhile, the NMBA would like to thank Badminton Oceania for extending an invitation to the NMI to compete in the Pacific U15 Junior Team Competition, which will feature the powerhouse teams of host New Zealand and Australia and Pacific Games top competitors Tahiti and New Caledonia. ***(PR)***

GREAT

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of Guam took bronze with a time of 50:54.34. Guam's Lisa Tomada came in fourth with a time of 58:58.86.

The assistant professor at Northern Marianas College shared that in this race, she reached her time goal of under 44 minutes, "so I was stoked to reach my goal."

Also, that "it was an honor to run against Ongan from Papua New Guinea…she is a talented runner. I hope with continued training I can give her some better competition the next time we get to compete against one another. I am pleased with how the race went, but want to keep getting better," said the silver medalist in the 2022 Pacific Mini Games held earlier this year on Saipan.

Veloria placed seventh in the men's division with a time of 42:32.81. Guam's Ryan Matienzo won gold with a time of 34:41.80, Arthur Toves won silver with a time of 35:08.63, and Derek Mandell won bronze with a time of 35:30.42.

About the race, Myers said that "the race was an early start, it was a rainy 6am race start time. The race course was a 2km loop. It was a dual start which included the 10km open Oceania championship alongside with the 6Km Guam high school championships. The dual start was nice because it added more runners to compete against and since the high schoolers were running fewer laps the paces worked out."

She then gave thanks and said, "I am thankful to all those who made it possible Northern Mariana Athletics, Oceania Athletics, Run Guam, as well as my friends and family for all of their support."

When asked how the representatives were chosen, Dela Cruz said, "athletes need to be consistent and committed to even have the chance." About the duo's training, he said "it's offseason right now; they trained on their own to stay active. Sildrey and Denise have not let up on the gas with training."

"It was wonderful to be selected by NMA to represent the NMI at the Oceania Cross country championship," Myers added.

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Queens of Diamonds take pennant

LEIGH GASES
Queens of Diamonds first baseman Thelma Mizer catches the ball in the nick of time in their 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League game against the 670 Babes last Sunday at the Dandan Softball Field.

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The Queens of Diamonds are the pennant champions of the women's division of the 2022 Budweiser Belau Amateur Softball Association League after defeating the 670 Babes, 9-4, last Sunday during their make-up game from the week prior at the DanDan Softball Field.

The win gave Queens of Diamonds a 9-1 win-loss record after the regular season, while 670 Babes fell to its six loss in nine games.

After a quiet first inning for the Queens, they brought in six runs in the second and subsequently silenced the Babes in the next three innings, for a lead of 6-3.

The Babes could only score one more run in the fourth inning, with the Queens scoring three more in the final innings for the final of 9-4.

Hot Shots 17, Tokahao Ladies 7

The Hot Shots shot through the Tokahao Ladies, 17-7, in the last women's division game of the day.

The Hot Shots were on fire early on for a 7-3 lead and silenced the Ladies as they could only put up four more runs. With the silence from the Ladies and the following 10 more runs scored by the Hot Shots, the game ended due to the 10-run mercy rule.

With this win, the Hot Shots improved to 5-3, while Ladies continued their slide at 1-9.

The men's games results will be posted in the next edition of *Saipan Tribune.*

Women's stats race

Two Queens of Diamonds batters continue their reign in five categories in the women's individual standings as of Oct. 23, with a Queen pitcher leading the women on the mound.

Kiana "Baby K" Camacho is tops in batting with 19 hits out of 29 at bats for a batting average of .655.

Camacho also tied Emy Oiterong in most runs scored with 19 each, followed by teammate Kiana Aldan with 17, and Brittany Luzama and Heather Kladikm with 13 each.

Camacho is second only to Mardina Kaipat in doubles made with five. Kaipat is first with six; Kayla Kaipat and Maribel Igitol came after Camacho with four each.

The second Queen on top of the standings, Kiana Aldan, dominates the triples, homeruns, and runs batted in, with three triples, six home runs, and 18 RBIs.

She is followed by Rosie Saralu, Keyona Tudela, Edilyn Benjamin, Sonia Isaac, and Erin Mendiola with two triples apiece.

Heather Kladikm has two home runs, and Rachel Salalila, Rosie Saralu, Erlinda Na-

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NMI Jr. National Badminton Team named

The Northern Marianas Badminton Association has selected six students to form the NMI Junior National Badminton Team that will participate in the Pacific U15 Junior Team Competition scheduled in New Zealand early next year.

Named to the national team are Ruth Charmaine Bautista, Shaina Angelo Malonzo, and Jude Mallari from Francisco M. Sablan Middle School, Hopwood Middle School's Justin Gragasin, Tanapag Middle School's Evan Seguritan, and Saipan International School's Lina Tsukagoshi. All six are part of a training pool and attended a series of tryouts that Northern Marianas Pacific Mini Games 2022 bronze medalist Janelle Pangilinan and fellow Mini Games participants Nate Guerrero and Leonard Manuel conducted starting late September. NMBA president Merlie Tolentino announced the names of the team members last Friday with the players' parents also present at the brief ceremony.

"Congratulations on your selection to the NMI Junior National Badminton Team. Your hard work does not stop here, you have to continue showing commitment to the team and the program by consistently attending your training sessions. Your coaches will be there to guide you every step of the way and help you get better and prepare for the competition next year," Tolentino said.

The NMBA president also acknowledged the young players' parents for their support and for allowing their children to get involved in the program. She added that this tournament is just the start of more opportunities that the NMBA will try to provide to NMI players, especially the young ones.

The six members of the NMI Junior National Badminton Team are training three times a week. They are also competing for their respective schools in the TakeCare PSS Interscholastic Badminton League as part of their preparations for next year's regional event. The Pacific U15 Junior Team Competition is sanctioned by Badminton Oceania and will be held at the Badminton North Harbour in Auckland from Feb. 8 to 15, 2023.

Seguritan, the youngest member of the squad at 11 years old and just joined the program this season, is mo-

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From left, Shaina Angelo Malonzo, Ruth Charmaine Bautista, Lina Tsukagoshi, Evan Seguritan, Justin Gragasin, and Jude Mallari proudly show the letter from the Northern Marianas Badminton Association confirming their selection to the NMI Junior National Badminton Team.

'Great experience' for NMI cross country team

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Sildrey Veloria and Denise Myers pose with the CNMI flag during the 2022 Oceania Cross Country Championship in Guam last Saturday.

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The cross country team who represented NMI in the 2022 Oceania Cross Country Championship held last Saturday at George Washington High School in Mangilao, Guam said it was a great experience for them.

The three-person team consisted of runners Denise Myers, Sildrey Veloria and team manager Edward Dela Cruz Jr.

"It was [a] great experience for the team. It's not every day you get to compete with Olympians and these guys have now done it twice this year," said Dela Cruz.

Myers and Veloria both competed in the seniors 10K race, with Myers winning silver in the women's division.

She came in with a time of 43:45.49, right behind gold medalist Awa Ongan of Papua New Guinea who clocked in at 41:55.59; Ayuri Sugahara

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